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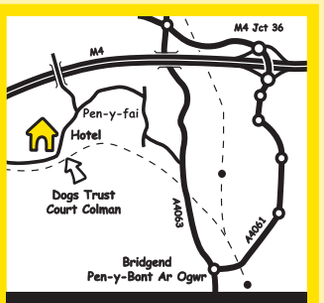

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Local man jailed after court hears...

Barry social worker kept prisoner in flat

EXCLUSIVE by AJ SICLUNA

A YOUNG social worker was terrified when a man held him prisoner in his flat for more than an hour, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Shane Goring (36) threatened 20-year-old James Ford with a bottle and refused to let him leave.

Goring of Holton Road, Barry, was jailed for two years, after pleading guilty to a charge of false imprisonment.

Judge Paul Thomas told Goring "this is, on any view, a very serious matter.

"Carers like Mr Ford must be protected and that message must go out."

Prosecutor Tony Trigg said that on November 16, Mr Ford went to Goring's flat. He was his carer and was aware that Goring had mental health problems, and drank heavily.

When he arrived, he found Goring unusually drunk and aggressive. At one point, Goring produced a razor and said he wanted to harm himself.

He then locked the front door.

Mr Ford became frightened and said he wanted to leave, but Goring told him: "You are not going anywhere. You are staying here."

Goring then picked up a wine bottle and brandished it over Mr Ford.

Mr Ford then called a colleague Jill Lewis and she heard Goring say: "I'm going to do you, you're not going anywhere."

The police were then called.

Goring kept Mr Ford in the flat for more than an hour.

Fortunately, said Mr Trigg, Mr Ford managed to unlock the door and fled. Ms Lewis said she had been affected by the ordeal and spoke of the vulnerability and risks carers have to face.

Goring later said he had drunk four litres of wine that day and had "gone off the rails".

He was said to have convictions for threatening to cause damage, being drunk and disorderly, affray, and robbery.

His counsel, Ruth Smith, said: "His motivation was loneliness and he simply didn't want his carer to leave.

"His alcohol problems are long-standing and he's been drinking since the age of 14. Alcohol made him unable to control himself.

"He is adamant he would never have hurt Mr Ford."

She said Goring cannot exist in society without help.

While in custody, she added, he had self-harmed himself.

Furnace shock for Vale

ANOTHER GEM EXCLUSIVE

DUBIOUS Dutch tycoon Pieter Van Bleuw has emerged as the man behind a highly controversial plan by a Brussels-backed European power consortium to build a large industrial smelting plant on the Welsh heritage coast, overlooking towns and villages in the Vale.

If the multi-million pound project goes ahead, the consortium insists that the coke-burning blast furnace, featuring a steel tubular 'chimney', emitting noxious gases into the atmosphere, will present "*very little risk to human health or the environment*".

The mind-boggling scheme will also see a huge industrial jetty and ore storage yard built on the beach at Llantwit Major or Ogmore-by-Sea.

There, coke will be unloaded around the clock from a fleet of foreign cargo vessels and transported on massive 10-ton trucks trundling day and night through the lanes to feed the hungry furnace at the as yet unidentified site.

On the telephone from his head offices in the dockland area of Amsterdam today, Van Bleuw (who is well known to regular readers of The GEM) insisted that the plant with its 60ft tower – specially designed in the shape of a giant daffodil – will "*blend in very sensitively with your lovely Welsh countryside*" and become a major tourist attraction, like the famous 'Angel of the North' sculpture in northern England.

That, though, will do little to reassure outraged local residents and 'green' campaigners.

Van Bleuw claimed today that his new project had the full support of Germany, France and his native Holland "*at the highest government level*" and he was confident it would be "*forced through*" the European Parliament in Brussels, over-riding any objections from council planners, or the Welsh Assembly and British governments.

"*Any opposition, at local or national level, is pointless. This smelting plant is in the best interests of a Greater Europe, as well as your own economy, providing jobs to help bring it out of recession,*" he warned today.

"*It will go ahead, whether people there like it or not. This time, you cannot afford to be insular!*"

(Long standing GEM readers will know that Van Bleuw was referring to the time he wrote to us – coincidentally 10 years ago to the day– after plans by Waitrose for a modern food store on the cattle market site in Cowbridge failed, following fierce protests led by the 'Keep Cowbridge Special' group).

**"*I still follow the news closely through The GEM on-line and I see that they now have a Tesco store in the middle of the High Street – and that meanwhile, after all this time, the cattle market site is still undeveloped!*

"*Perhaps I should again consider moving my operations to Cowbridge, to be near my new venture!*"

As The GEM exclusively revealed at the time, the tycoon built his immense fortune through a seedy blue movie-making empire on the Continent.

After Waitrose withdrew from Cowbridge and went to Barry instead, he offered to relocate to film studios on the cattle market site and recruit Vale actors to "*get all your unemployed people off the streets*".

Does that plan still stand today? "*Ah, this I cannot say!*" he replied mysteriously.

Local residents, though, will not be fooled!

'Stop boy racers, now!'

says Waterfront resident

by TIM CHAPMAN

A MAN who lives at the Waterfront in Barry is campaigning to stop the menace of boy racers who, he claims, are making people's lives a misery.

Mr Dave Aspinall told The GEM that the noise generated by boy racers who congregate in the car parking bays in front of the dock is unbearable.

"Every night of the week we can hear very loud revving engines and loud beat music. The sleep deprivation people suffer is terrible.

"When they drive off, you can hear the screeching of types.

"If you try and tackle these people, they are very intimidating and you get mouthfuls of abuse."

Mr Aspinall felt so frustrated at the behaviour that he began a petition earlier this year.

"I went round the estate, knocking on doors and asking people how they felt, and collected more than 30 names.

"My partner also put flyers through people's front doors and about 15 people turned up to a PACT meeting to address the problem."

The issue is now a PACT priority in the Buttrills and Castleland wards. Mr Aspinall says two measures might help to solve the problem, but both have stumbling blocks.

He says it would help if the road and parking area, where the racers congregate in the evenings, was closed overnight, but the highways department has told him it is a public road and that it can't be closed.

Preventing people from making a noise with customised exhausts would also help, but Mr Aspinall understands it is not illegal to get a new exhaust fitted on a car, as long as it is sealed correctly.

He remains determined to see something done and added: "There are hardworking people here and they don't need this in the evenings."

Castleland councillor, Chris Elmore, acknowledged Mr Aspinall's concerns.

"I am aware of the on going problems that residents are facing and I, with the support of residents, the Buttrills' councillors and the Castleland Communities First team, have now held three public meetings with residents, police, the highway authority and PACT Chairs from across the Barry area."

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'UNINFORMED CRITICISM OF TOURISM PLAN'

I MUST reply to recent correspondence making unfounded and uninformed criticism of the recently-published draft tourism strategy for the Vale of Glamorgan Council's area.

This is a strategic document that seeks to influence the development of the vital tourism economy of our county over the next few years.

The strategy contains a Vale-wide series of proposals that will bring greatly enhanced benefits to every community, not just Barry Island, and has been carefully drafted to make the most of the opportunities that are either currently available, or may become available in the not too distant future.

I feel it is important to also point out that the strategy has been produced without costly external consultants and has been developed in consultation with established successful local tourism businesses.

Tourism already brings 3.5 million visitors into the Vale every year and this is worth £163 million to businesses in the area.

I urge every reader to let the council, and its hard-working tourism officers, have some positive comments on the proposals that the Conservative-led authority will implement to bring about change throughout the Vale.

As the strategy acknowledges, a successful tourism product will bring many benefits, but this can only be achieved by all interested parties working together.

Anthony M. Ernest
Cabinet member for tourism and leisure

'Drivers block my driveway'

I LIVE in St Paul's Avenue, Barry, which has two schools at the top end of the street, and I am one of the lucky/unlucky few people that have a garage with a drive that leads on to the roadway.

I am unlucky in that for a good few years now, parents of children who attend these schools seem to find it acceptable to park at any time across my driveway when collecting their children – even at times leaving their cars for extensive periods.

Upon returning to my house the other day, as always someone was parked across my drive.

Looking up the street, there were no spaces, so I was forced to drive around the block in the hope one would become available – but no such luck.

Left with no option, I had to temporarily park my car for 15 minutes on double yellow lines.

On returning to move my vehicle back outside my house, I found I had incurred a fixed penalty from the South Wales Police.

I have now been informed that if I see any vehicle parked across my drive I should inform the relevant authorities, who will take care of matters for me.

After years of biting my tongue with parents, I am now going to make sure that those guilty of this practice will incur the same penalty as I have done.

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Tory delegation replies to criticism...

'Why we went to Stuttgart'

LAST week, The GEM published a letter questioning a visit some colleagues and I made to Bosch in Stuttgart, to try to save 900 job losses and to negotiate a positive way forward on the disposal of the vast site.

I can assure your readers that my colleagues and I financed the visit and nothing was drawn from the public purse. We stated this publicly at the time.

However, I cannot believe that someone is questioning my motives in trying to save such high quality jobs, when unemployment in Wales is the highest in the UK.

As the shadow Industry Minister in the Assembly, I hope readers will accept that I have a part to play in seeking to reduce any job losses in any part of Wales.

My colleagues and I were shocked that the Labour and Plaid Ministers hadn't met the senior executives to see if anything could be done, so we felt that we should.

They later arranged their own visit, which I understand cost the public purse more than £5,000.

Our visit to Stuttgart amounted to a 5:30am check-in at Heathrow and a return home on the same evening at 9pm, so I hope the letter writer is not suggesting that it was a jolly!

Sadly, we didn't save any job losses, but we have agreed constructive steps for the disposal of this important site, that will fully involve the community.

Alun Cairns, Barry (Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for the Vale)

Euro would have left us in a mess!

AS someone who voted in the referendum of 1975 for Britain to get out of the Common Market, as the European Union was then called, and which we believed was merely a market with no political intentions involved, I have never wavered from that opinion!

Therefore with reference to your correspondent Roger Everest, Pontyclun (The GEM March 11), who argued we should have joined the Eurozone in 2002, I am grateful that we did not join it and adopt the Euro, which could have placed Britain in a similar position to that which Greece finds itself now!

I believe that Spain and Portugal, possibly Italy, and even Ireland, are finding difficulties because they are not able to set their own taxes to get themselves out of trouble, with Brussels dictating the terms.

Mrs DE Coombes Herridge, Barry

Council not signed up to energy cuts

YOUR readers may like to know that the Conservative-controlled Vale Council have decided not to sign up to a national campaign which is helping to protect our environment.

The 10:10 campaign aims to reduce energy consumption by 10 per cent during 2010 and is supported by 1,103 organisations throughout the UK – even Tory Leader David Cameron and his shadow cabinet have signed up!

But at the Vale Council's cabinet meeting on February 17, they cynically agreed to just "note" my request to join this crucial campaign.

This decision proves that for all their green rhetoric and handpainted tree logos, Tories evade green action to save our environment at local level at every opportunity. Nearly half of the councils in Britain have signed up to the campaign.

Protecting our environment should be a key element on every council agenda. The scientific consensus is now very clear...climate change is one of the biggest threats facing mankind.

Rob Curtis, Barry (Labour councillor, Vale Council)

'Thank you for backing the Vale Heritage Centre'

MAY I, through The GEM, thank all the members of the public with an interest in local history, who turned out to show their support for a Heritage Centre for the Vale at the council scrutiny meeting last week?

Their support was greatly appreciated and showed to the councillors the level of backing that this idea has.

The proposal is now set to go before the cabinet and we eagerly await their decision to conduct a feasibility study.

The prospect of a permanent home for the rich history of this county has never been better.

I would urge supporters to lobby their local councillors to make the most of this splendid opportunity.

Dr Jonathan Hicks, Barry

Thank you, GEM

To everyone at The GEM, I would like to say thank you for my Album Cover Stamps' prize, which I received a few weeks ago. It was a very nice surprise.

Liz Richfield, St Athan

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 08)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
01 Thur	08.43	10.2	21.01	10.1
02 Fri	09.21	10.1	21.41	9.8
03 Sat	09.59	9.5	22.18	9.3
04 Sun	10.39	8.8	22.57	8.5
05 Mon	11.14	8.1	23.41	8.0
06 Tues			12.08	7.4
07 Wed	00.44	7.3	13.27	7.0
08 Thur	02.17	7.2	15.09	7.0

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Aberthaw worker is sent to jail for robbing taxi driver

EXCLUSIVE by AJ SICLUNA

AN Aberthaw power station worker put a screwdriver to the neck of a taxi driver seconds before robbing him of his takings.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that Scott Winder (22) had drunk 15 pints of lager, four bottles of strong cider and six shots of spirits before getting into the taxi.

Winder of Fort Road, Penarth was jailed for two and a half years.

He had been found guilty of a charge of robbery.

Judge Paul Thomas said: "Lots of people do stupid things and often they are not serious, but this was."

He said he could not accept that there was any remorse because Winder had pleaded not guilty and "fought the matter all the way".

The courts, he said, had to protect vulnerable people such as taxi drivers.

Prosecutor Nuhu Gobir said that in the early hours of July 19 Winder stopped a taxi at Barry Island driven by Mr Imran Maqbool and said he wanted to be taken to the Marconi Inn in Penarth.

He was told the fare was £17. Winder said he had only £15 and this was accepted.

As they neared the destination, Winder became aggressive, swearing, and punching Mr Maqbool while he was driving.

He then produced a screwdriver and put it towards his neck.

Mr Maqbool was so frightened he returned the £15. Winder said he wanted more money and snatched a further £15 before running from the cab.

Winder was arrested the following morning, put his hands in his head, and said: "I've got all the money. I had a really bad night. The drink got to me and I'm really sorry."

Winder had denied the charge. He said he took the money, but had offered no violence.

Jeffrey Jones, defending, said: "There was no planning. It was spontaneous. He was stupid and drunk."

Normally, he is polite and considerate, he said.

"This was an alarming offence, totally out of character.

"He greatly fears going into custody. Fortunately, his background is stable and supportive."

Brothel: Barry man is jailed

A BARRY man was sentenced to 12 months in prison at Birmingham Crown Court on March 19, after being accused of conspiring to keep a brothel used for prostitution.

Philip Kilday pleaded guilty to the charge, while three other defendants had pleaded not guilty. However, in December, those three, Robert Worrall, Sandra Williams and Simon Worrall, all from the Staffordshire area, were convicted of the charge and they were sentenced in January.

Mr Kilday did not appear in court when they were sentenced.

The brothel concerned was in Sash Street, Stafford.

Three are jailed for tax evasion

MAGISTRATES in Barry have imposed prison sentences on three Vale residents found guilty of failing to pay council tax.

Ms Cora O'Shea of Seabank, The Esplanade, Penarth; Mrs Amanda Fettah of Magellan Close, Barry and Ms Susan Mary Lewis of Merganser Court, Barry, had previously appeared before magistrates where they received suspended prison sentences, subject to outstanding monies being paid.

A council spokesperson said: "The defendants had failed to honour the terms of the suspended sentences and were summonsed to appear before the magistrates on March 15, to answer why they had failed to comply with the orders.

"Every opportunity was given to each defendant to appear before the magistrates to state their reasons for non-payment. As they failed to attend the court hearing, the magistrates decided to activate their warrants and impose the sentences with immediate effect, giving custodial terms of 15, 14 and 13 days respectively.

"The council will continue to bring persistent council tax defaulters to court and seek custodial sentences in order to ensure payment for essential local services."

If a person is in genuine difficulty with the payment of their council tax they should contact the council tax collection office on 01446 709564 to discuss payment.

"If a council tax payer is on low income then there are reductions available through the council tax benefit scheme.

"More information is available by contacting the benefits section."

Local pupils scoop top chemistry prize

THE FOUR PRIZEWINNERS.

FOUR pupils from St Cyres Comprehensive School, Lewis Acford, Abigail Hallum, Tomos Havard and Azizah Khan of 8PJJO, won first prize at the 'Salters' Festival of Chemistry' at Cardiff University on March 24.

The pupils worked in the undergraduate research laboratories to carry out two investigations: The first involved forensic science techniques to work out which suspect had committed a crime, and the second tested pupils' ability to carry out chemical reactions accurately.

They were up against schools from across Wales and England.

The pupils received both certificates and prizes for their efforts, and also won molecular modelling kits for the science faculty worth more than £100.

Two killed in East Aberthaw collision – police investigate

POLICE have launched an investigation after two people were killed when their car hit a wall at Station Terrace, East Aberthaw.

The collision happened at 10.50pm on Sunday evening, and the people involved were named as Talfryn Jones, of Barry and Julie Ann Bate, of Rhoose.

A police spokesman said: "A male was driving a Gold Renault Laguna car, which contained a female front seat passenger, when it left the road, colliding with a garden wall. Both of the occupants sustained fatal injuries at the scene.

"We are appealing for any witnesses to contact us. The road was quiet at the time of the collision.

"We would like to thank the people who were affected by the road closure for their patience and understanding."

The police would like to speak to any person who witnessed the collision, who stopped to provide assistance, or anyone who may have seen the vehicle being driven prior to the collision and who has not yet given their details.

The road was closed for approximately five hours while police carried out initial investigations.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the South Wales Police Roads Policing Unit in Gwaelod y Garth, Cardiff on 02920 571600 ext: 42333. *(See tribute on page 14)*

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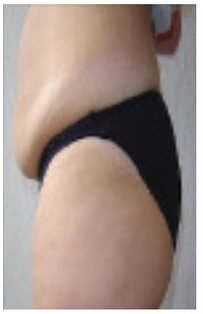

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BARRY WOMAN TELLS OF BULL TERRIER INCIDENT

'TERRIFYING' ATTACK BY DOG ON HORSE RIDERS

by TIM CHAPMAN

A BARRY woman has told The GEM of how she and her two children were terrified when a loose dog attacked them while they were out riding their horses in Wenvoe.

During the incident the woman's daughter fell from the horse, was dragged down the lane and had to have hospital treatment for her injuries.

Cheryl Brinn, her daughter Gemma (10) and son Tom (14) were riding into the village of Wenvoe along the lane behind the Walston Castle on March 15 when a dog appeared.

Cheryl said: "We were riding in single file and the dog came trotting along in the middle of the the road. It was a bull terrier wearing a thick, studded collar and a muzzle.

"Despite the muzzle it began to attack Gemma's horse and I screamed at her 'hold on Gemma'.

"The horse twisted and she fell off and was dragged up the road by the reins. She let go and the horse took off."

There were a number of vehicles in the lane, but to Cheryl's disgust nobody tried to help, they simply watched as the events unfolded. "Two men sitting in a white van did absolutely nothing."

The dog then came after Cheryl's horse as she tried to get the horses back to the safety of her in-laws' premises back up the lane.

"I screamed to my husband to open the gate. As the dog continued the attack I thought I would faint.

"Eventually my horse double-kicked the dog across the road, but it still would not give up and had a go at Tom's horse."

The police had been contacted by Cheryl's husband, and order was only restored when a police dog handler arrived on the scene and managed to get the terrier in a police van.

Gemma had to go to hospital for injuries to her hand and foot. She has had to have a support stocking to help her walk.

Cheryl added: "It was a terrifying incident. If the dog had not had a muzzle on it would have ripped the horses' legs to pieces."

The police handed the dog over to the Vale dog warden service and it is now in kennels.

Dog warden Caroline Cowan said: "The dog, an English bull terrier, was collected by our out-of-hours service from Croft Kennels. The dog was microchipped, but to a previous owner.

"The dog is still at kennels because if an owner had come forward there may have been legal proceedings against them.

"As an owner has not come forward the dog is due to be destroyed within the next few days, as it has been deemed not suitable for rehoming."

'Micro chip the Vale's stray dogs' says an AM

THE Vale Council has had to spend over £125,000 kennelling stray dogs, including over £28,000 in 2008/09, the most recent year for which figures are available.

Regional AM Andrew Davies said: "It is concerning that significant sums are having to be spent on kennelling stray dogs at a time when frontline services are struggling because of consistently poor financial settlements by the Assembly Government.

"It is important that a home is found for stray dogs and they can be cared for in a safe and secure environment. As a dog owner myself, I am disappointed that there seem to be so many stray dogs in the Vale and that some unscrupulous owners are not caring for them as they should. By abandoning dogs, they are not only being cruel to the animal, but costing Vale taxpayers dear.

"Small measures, like micro-chipping dogs, can make a great difference as it means strays can be returned to their owners more quickly if they go missing. The Assembly Government must look at working more closely with local authorities and dog and animal charities to ensure that kennelling costs caused by stray dogs are minimised," Mr Davies added.

ABOVE:
Andrew RT Davies with a four-legged pal at the Senedd.

Watch out for those holes in the ground!

DINAS POWYS Rotary Club recently welcomed as its dinner guest speaker Mr Bert Jones, an ex mining surveyor, who gave a very interesting talk on the hazards of mining and the many shafts and holes found today that were not graphed or recorded.

On a daily basis holes appear in roads, housing estates or even hillsides all over the country, where unknown to all there had been an ancient coal, tin or slate mine which had not been recorded at the time.

Before the demise of Ordnance Survey maps, very basic information was given on mining, which as Bert explained, is the reason that when purchasing a home everyone should invest in a very thorough survey on the area.

He was given a vote of thanks by Rotarian Colin Jones.

Rotarians were also delighted to welcome Rotarian Tony Siese, once of Dinas Powys but now living in Bermuda.

Left to right: Colin Jones, Mr Bert Jones, Rotarian David Williams (secretary)

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For the first part of the evening, Linda demonstrated 'live' how to create intermediate images for ultra smooth transitions using photo-shop, and how to create and use animation and masks using the latest technology.

The demonstrations were interspersed with short presentations showing the techniques in action.

The second part of the evening was a series of presentations ranging from the beautiful to the quirky and the humorous, culminating in a moving presentation about the miners' struggle to save the south Wales pits and the consequences the closure of the pits had on the communities.

Positive Image Photographic Society meets at 7-30pm on alternative Thursday evenings at St Baruc's Church, Phyllis Street, Barry Island. Further details are on the societies website at www.positiveimagebarry.org.uk.

Boy racers cause problems

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The issue was at the top of the agenda at the Castleland PACT meeting on Monday evening and Coun Elmore said: "At the meeting the police gave a full report on two separate operations they had undertaken in the area. Some residents are now passing information to the police. Everyone at the meeting understood that all agencies are trying to work together to deal with this problem and I will continue to do what I can to support residents and other agencies."

The police say they have started carrying out operations at the Waterfront involving neighbourhood police officers, the Roads Policing Unit and VOSA (The Vehicle and Operator Services Agency).

Castleland neighbourhood PCSO Alex Mackay said: "The majority of motorists who visit the Waterfront respect the law and the local residents.

"However, there is a minority who do not. It is this minority who we have targeted during a recent operation. The problems include excessive revving of engines, playing very loud music, racing, dropping litter and screeching tyres.

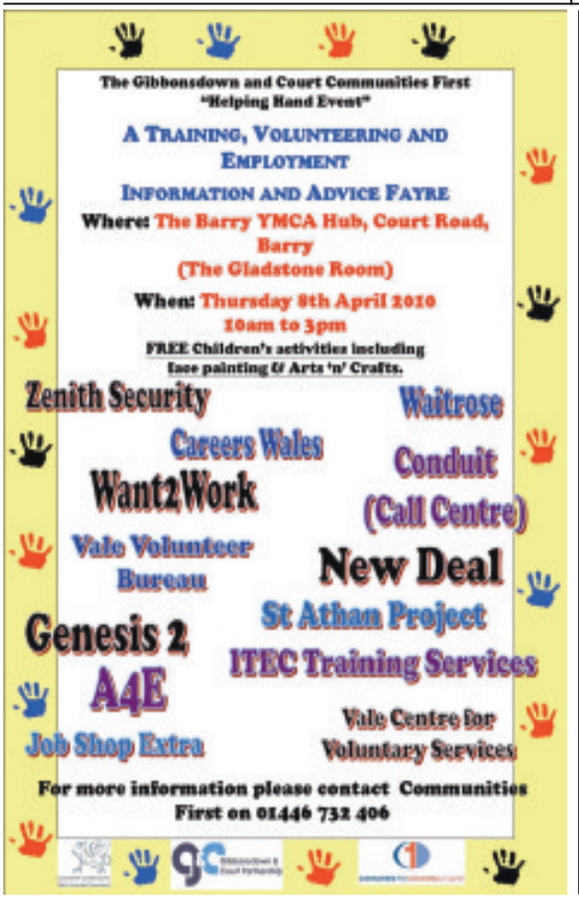
"We do not want to be kill joys. All we ask is that motorists take into consideration the local residents, and respect their right to be free from the noise of anti social use of vehicles.

"We will carry out similar operations on a regular basis in coming weeks. The police will continue to patrol the area and will carry out enforcement for any offences committed."

During the first operation carried out by the authorities, VOSA issued 12 prohibition notices to vehicles for various defects ranging from tyres to lights to vehicle structure. Road policing officers issued two fixed penalty notices for seat belt offences, six notices under the 'vehicle defect rectification scheme', and an excess speed warning. Barry neighbourhood officers also issued 'defect' notices, several fixed penalty notices, and stopped and searched three people.

Paul Gay, operational manager for engineering design, confirmed that the area of highway referred to by Mr Aspinall is adopted highway.

He explained: "There is no mechanism where a section can be readily closed off for a period without having an impact on all highway users and not just those involved in anti-social activities. Council officers are in ongoing discussions with the police to try to identify an acceptable way forward to address this problem."



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (HANNAH STREET BARRY) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2010

1. On 1st April 2010 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:

2. The Order will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Hannah Street Barry) (Road Closure) (Temporary) Order" 2010.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location Hannah Street Barry along its entire length

Reason To allow for essential sewer works to be carried out

Duration From 09:00am Monday 5th April, 2010 for a maximum period of 18 months.

Alt. Route The signed diversion route will be via Commercial Street for North bound traffic and Davies Street for Southbound traffic.

Signing: Appropriate temporary signing will indicate the alternative route.

NB: Vehicle Access for residents ONLY will be permitted from the Court Road end. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 1st day of April 2010.

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Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps,
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Former police chief is under fire for using a policeman as her chauffeur

THE former Chief Constable of South Wales Police, Barbara Wilding, has come under fire from Plaid Cymru Assembly Member Leanne Wood – for using a police constable as her personal chauffeur.

A Freedom of Information request by the AM revealed that the officer was used as a driver between January 2008 and December 2008 before the post was civilianised. A police constable's salary on September 1, 2008 ranged from £22,104 to £34,707 a year.

Ms Wood pointed out that the revelations come just over a year after Barbara Wilding complained of declining police levels and inadequate financial support for a force responsible for covering a population of more than 1.2m people.

The regional Assembly Member said: "People will no doubt question whether a fully trained police constable should have been taken off front-line duties for a whole year to chauffeur Barbara Wilding around in a plush car.

"As Chief Constable, she complained a lot about the force's funding settlement and closed police stations. It is staggering that given that, she has been so wasteful.

"While I'm glad that a constable is no longer responsible for driving the Chief Constable I'm sure most people will not be able to understand why Ms Wilding was unable to drive herself around."

The Freedom of Information request also revealed that a Lexus GS450 was purchased for the use of Barbara Wilding under its Chief Officers Scheme in 2008 – the cost £31,867.

A South Wales Police spokesman told The GEM: "The Chief Constable's driver was a police constable until December 2008.

"This post was subject to scrutiny and review on several occasions and was changed in 2008 as part of our workforce transformation programme, which put police officers in back-office jobs onto the front-line."

The spokesman added: "This police constable post was redeployed to front-line duties and the vacancy for a civilian staff driver was advertised and subsequently filled.

"This role remains a civilian staff appointment."

Dr Who locates £1,500 for Ty Hafan hospice

Ty Hafan Children's Hospice received a boost to their fund-raising recently when they were presented with a cheque for £1,500 by Aberthaw Power Station.

The money was part of a location fee paid for using North Quarry to film scenes for the up-and-coming new episodes of Dr Who.

The episodes are due to air over the Easter period and the storyline is a closely-guarded secret.

When not transformed for the Time Lord, North Quarry is being used for the ash produced from burning coal at the power station, as part of the restoration of the land. It was decided between the power station and the quarry owner for the fee to be donated to local charities with Ty Hafan receiving half of the fee.

The remaining half was divided equally between Rhoose Boxing Club, Rhoose Lifeguard Club and Rhoose & District History Society.

NEWS FROM THE BARRY MEN'S FORUM

Teaching Americans that Wales is not part of England!

RECENT speaker at Barry Men's Forum, Mrs Audrey Griffiths, had a wealth of interesting stories to relate about her professional life.

She trained to be a tour guide in Wales and commenced taking parties of Americans around the country in 1986.

In retrospect, this turned out to be a bad year to launch such activities, for it was then that the USA bombed Libya and very few American tourists ventured from home at that time.

Canadians, however, were more robust and they helped to keep the tourist industry running during those hard times. Eventually, things picked up and Mrs Griffiths soon had her hands full dealing, largely, with Americans who had Welsh ancestors.

The majority needed help in finding the graves of dead great-grandparents and did not always appreciate the difficulties when they came from a lineage named Jones, or Evans, or Jenkins!

Audrey was invariably helped by the entity every village in Wales seems to possess, namely the local historian, and she discovered a copious supply of these helpful people everywhere.

Evidently, most Americans know Wales through Welsh choirs and as the 'land of song'. However, even those with recent Welsh ancestry fail to realise that Wales is an ancient country which, while a constituent part of the United Kingdom, is NOT part of England.

Evidently the Scots suffer the same fate in American eyes. Mrs Griffiths made sure that her charges went back to the States better educated than they were on arrival.

On one occasion, Audrey was asked to escort a party of five Americans by train to Scotland. It was surprising, she related, how lacking in confidence these travellers were when away from home.

Going through the Potteries in Staffordshire, they were very disconcerted to see the kilns as they assumed they were nuclear power stations.

The accident at Three Mile Island was fresh in their memory and they were afraid of a repetition in the UK.

Our speaker had one final recollection of Americans being shocked at the amount of litter on stations and trains over here. They were amazed to learn that there were purposely no litter bins around as these could have been used to harbour IRA bombs.

Her clients had no idea that there were any bombings taking place on the UK mainland outside of Ireland.

Audrey now looks back on a hard working period in her life which, if it did nothing else, gave her the opportunity to stay in some wonderful and expensive hotels far beyond her normal reach. She informed members that there are more than 30 Cardiffs in the USA.

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Mother of four jailed for sexual involvement with teenager aged 13

EXCLUSIVE by AJ SICLUNA

A MOTHER of four who became sexually involved with a 13-year-old boy has been jailed for 18 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

Kerry Lee (25) allowed the teenager to become besotted with her, said Judge Keith Thomas.

Lee of Maes-y-felin, Wildmill, Bridgend had been found guilty of four charges of sexual activity with the boy.

Prosecutor, Marian Lewis, said the offences occurred in the Bridgend area during a period of one week.

The judge told Lee that she was well aware the boy had problems and was vulnerable. He was not going to school and had an attention deficit disorder.

"You allowed him to become besotted with you and you encouraged his advances, kissing him passionately and giving him lovebites on his neck.

"You intended having him in your bed and having sexual intercourse with him."

Lee had denied the charges and said the boy had lied.

Defence counsel, Peter Davies, said: "Her capacity as a mother is unquestioned. She is well aware the court regards these offences as serious."

At the time, he said that she was under pressure and acted out of desperation.

Lee, he added, had been abused from the age of seven.

The impact on the victim, said Mr Davies, was not likely to have lasting consequences.

"It was not predatory abuse and she had not been ostracised by her immediate family.

"The impact of the case on her has been profound. She is not a dangerous person."

She was ordered on release to register as a sex offender for 10 years and was disqualified from working with children.

'Sheep carcass' mystery could end in court – council warns

THE Vale Council's trading standards animal health officers are trying to discover the owner of sheep carcasses dumped on the banks of a local river.

Officers have responded to complaints from the public regarding the incident but have so far been hampered by a lack of identification on the animals.

Simon Wilkinson, principal trading standards officer for the council, said: "Officers have found a number of sheep carcasses at Gigman Bridge, near Llantrithyd. The carcasses should be readily identifiable by the ear tags, which are a legal requirement for such things as traceability for disease control.

"In this instance the sheep's ears have been cut off, making it hard for us to progress a criminal investigation. We are appealing to the farming community and the public to provide us with information about who is dumping these animals."

Animal by-products legislation lays down how carcasses must be safely and legally disposed of. By doing so, the risk of spreading disease or unfit meat entering the food chain can be controlled.

Mr Wilkinson continued: "Trading Standards are concerned that the owners of these animals have no regard to the law. They have an unfair advantage over those who do dispose of dead animals properly, they risk damaging the environment and are also increasing the risk of spreading disease. If we are able to identify those involved it is highly likely that the case will end up in the criminal courts."

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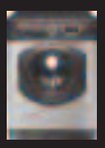

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Coastlands celebrates 30 years for Gurwin and Denny

PASTORS Gurwin and Denny Marshallsea of Coastlands Family Church have faithfully served the town of Barry and the people of the Vale for 30 years - and last Sunday a thanksgiving service was held for them.

Gurwin and Denny have been pastors of the Coastlands Church since 2004.

Having become Christians on the same evening in 1967, they spent 12 years working at a church in Merthyr Tydfil and, following the completion of a theology course, moved to Barry to take up a full-time church ministry in 1980.

The couple led the Elim Church in Barry for 24 years, and have served as pastors of the Coastlands Family Church since 2004.

During their 30 years of church leadership, they have overseen numerous initiatives aimed at demonstrating God's love to people in practical ways. These have included taking a lorry load of aid to Albania where they refurbished a school orphanage, and visiting India to work with local churches.

Closer to home, among many other things, they have overseen an annual initiative, providing gifts and hampers to local families and young people in the Vale, developed the Coast Coffee Shop on the Colcot, which will provide a venue for a range of community-based activities, and freely given their time, love, prayers and practical care wherever it has been needed.

They are well known to many local people, having also been involved in numerous weddings, funerals and baby dedications.

Gurwin said: "The last 30 years have been exciting and challenging, exhilarating and sometimes stressful!

"The highlight is the satisfaction and fulfilment that comes from seeing the church grow and develop and become relevant to the needs of the community around us.

"One of the blessings for Denny and I, has been working with a leadership team in Coastlands that is so supportive. They have encouraged, guided and blessed us. We know the future is bright because God is there!" **SUSAN LLOYD-SELBY**

Heritage Centre wins approval of council committee

"MEN and women of vision built the towns of this great county of ours and provided the reasons for our ancestors to come here. The challenge now is for you to show the vision for the future – for education and history for all."

That was what Dr Jonathan Hicks said on behalf of the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition in his presentation to the Vale scrutiny committee last week.

In an impressively-attended meeting, Dr Hicks and his colleague Mr Adrian Pitman outlined the coalition's vision of a purpose-built heritage centre to act as a central hub for the history and heritage of the Vale. Representatives from all the local history societies across the county then spoke in support of the proposal.

The public gallery was packed with supporters and enthusiastic applause followed the presentation by the two coalition representatives and the expressions of support.

Scrutiny Chairman Coun Chris Williams said, "I don't think there is a person in this room, councillor or member of the public who does not support this idea."

Councillors passed a recommendation to the cabinet that funding now be made available to carry out a feasibility study into the building and running of a heritage centre on Barry Waterfront.

"I am pleased with the outcome," said Dr Hicks after the meeting.

"Members were unanimous in their support and the members of the cabinet who were in attendance indicated their willingness to carry out the feasibility study.

"I hope that they will now sanction this recommendation next month so that work can begin in earnest into the viability of what we propose.

"This would be a wonderful facility for the Vale and a boost to the council's aspiration to increase tourism, as outlined in their corporate plan."

CASH grants for community councils

SIX local community councils will receive CASH grants by the Vale Council as part of the Community Action Self Help (CASH) Scheme

They are: £3,725, Dinas Powys (internal refurbishment works at the Parish and Lee Halls); £1,500, Llanmaes (replacement floor at St Cattwg's Village Hall); £1,300, Llangan (creation of toilet for disabled and store room at St Mary Hill Community Hall); £475, Ewenny (redecoration of toilets, Village Hall); £475, Peterston-super-Ely (lychgate remedial works, St Peter's Churchyard) and £250, Pendoylan (replacement wooden bench for grass verge opposite village school).

Council Leader Coun Gordon Kemp said: "This scheme is an important feature of our efforts to work in partnership with town and community councils and to target resources to all communities within the Vale."

Mobile message to stop bullies

THE Safer Vale Partnership have designed an innovative campaign to raise awareness among young people on bullying.

It was launched by the partnership working with the Communities First Partnerships.

The Safer Vale Partnership will be going into Bryn Hafern Comprehensive School on April 25 during their lunch break and using Bluetooth wireless technology to transmit a message to mobile phones from a small transmitter encouraging youngsters to voice concerns about any bullying.

Coun Paul Church said: "This is the first of its kind using up-to-date technology. This campaign enables young people to receive relevant information quickly and easily."

"We know that a significant number of young people are experiencing bullying.

"We also know that there are others who may not realise that they are being bullied, who need our support.

"We are hoping that by receiving this message young people will speak out about bullying."

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IT'S NO APRIL FOOL'S JOKE...

Illusionist Tom predicts the headline – week in advance!

by TIM CHAPMAN

ABERTHIN mind-reader and illusionist Tom DeVoe is wowing people Down Under with his amazing skills – the latest being to correctly predict the headline in a major Australian newspaper.

Tom (21) is currently in New Zealand and preparing to perform in shows in the capital Welllington, having left people in Australia dumbfounded by how he achieved his latest stunt.

The newspaper prediction was the latest feat in the former Cowbridge Comprehensive School pupil's 'Without Borders World Trip' which started on August 13 last year, and which he hopes will catapult him to stardom.

Tom explained: "I set myself the challenge of correctly predicting the headline of a major Australian newspaper a week in advance.

"I handed the signed and sealed prediction in a box to James Valentine, a presenter with the Sydney Australian Broadcasting Corporation, seven days before the opening – so that it could not be tampered with by anyone.

"I also wanted to prove that no stooges could be involved.

"On the morning of the opening, James announced to his listeners: 'The whole city is on the edge of its seat!'

LEFT: Defying cold logic – Tom with James Valentine of the Sydney Australian Broadcasting Corporation as it is confirmed that his headline prediction has been proved correct.

"He had gathered the major Australian newspapers of that day and called in an independent judge to make sure everything was done legitimately.

"The box was opened by James, and my prediction 'Dosed up on donations' matched, word-perfect, the front-page headline of The Daily Telegraph that morning – 'Dosed up on donations.'

Tom had offered 1,000 Australian dollars to anyone who could prove that he had used any underhand means to achieve the result.

Radio station 702 ABC Sydney was quick to congratuate Tom on its website saying:

"Well done to Tom DeVoe, the afternoon show's 'resident mentalist' for correctly predicting a newspaper headline, one week in advance.

"We're still none the wiser to how he did it, but we're pretty convinced there was no foul play. We think!"

Tom's year-long globetrotting trip started in London on August 13 last year, and so far he has visited India, Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Australia, and now New Zealand.

In Singapore, Tom had astonished a local journalist and photographer from 'The New Paper' with his mind-reading abilities, by correctly guessing which numbers they were thinking of, and confidently predicting which word they would pick out of President Obama's autobiography, *Dreams From My Father*.

Tom correctly chose the word 'goat', not the most common of words.

He has also made his mark in India, reading the minds of callers to Delhi's Fever104FM, a Virgin-owned radio station

Tom uses psychology, suggestion and what he describes tantalisingly as "more devious methods" to baffle his audience.

Later this year, Tom will visit the USA. He plans to return home to the Vale of Glamorgan in August.

Vale constructors received 'highly commended' awards

THE best in construction has been celebrated at an Oscar-style event for rewarding best practice and building excellence across south Wales, hosted by Dr Paul Thomas of the BBC.

The following entries from the Vale were 'highly commended':

Cat 1 – Martyn Jones Builder, for the alterations and extension at the Old Vicarage, Pendoylan; Cat 2 – Centregreat Ltd, for the home conversion category for the Old Grammar School, Cowbridge; Cat 8 in the small commercial category – Vale of Glamorgan Hotel Spa & Resort for the new pavilion at Hensol (with Colin Blick).

Is there a mystery behind the missing cats of the Vale?

A BARRY cat lover, whose own pet has gone missing, is concerned at the number of cats that have disappeared recently.

Mrs Gail Adams of Coldbrook Road East, Barry told The GEM: "On March 19, our tortoise shell cat Lucy, who is 18 months old, went missing.

"We have had her since she was a kitten and was our little baby. She is a mixture of colours – black, ginger and white.

"I have done everything I can think of to get her back. I've spoken to people, put out flyers, and placed an advert in The GEM which sparked six calls – but still there has been no joy.

"I've even been in touch with the RSPCA, the vet, the local cattery and the council. The council said that if she'd been run over, they'd have known who she was because they scan for the chip.

"My next door neighbour's cat has also gone missing, and I've heard of others that have disappeared locally.

"Both my son and daughter live in Rhoose and they say they've seen posters up in the village for missing cats.

"I've got a strange feeling something not very nice might be going on."

Some of Mrs Adams' suspicions are admittedly anecdotal, but she is inviting local people to email her if they have seen Lucy or if their own cat has gone missing so she can get a clearer picture of how many pets have disappeared recently.

She can be emailed at gail.adams70@ntl-world.com. The GEM will be following up on the response that Gail gets from the public.

Watchkeepers call for recruits

THE duty watchkeepers at the National Coast Watch Station, Nells Point, Barry Island, were visited recently by Vale councillor Jeffrey James and with the weather favourable, he was able to view the coastline and Bristol Channel that the station covers.

Station manager Peter Woollacott said: "The duty watch keepers had the opportunity to show Coun James the sophisticated equipment they are responsible for and use in the course of their 'watch'.

"He commended the duty watch keepers on their professionalism and diligence. He felt that they, and the other 50-plus volunteers, perform a valuable service to the public and visitors to Barry Island every day of the year no matter what the weather throws at them."

Coun James talked to duty officers Mrs Jeni Sweet, who was in charge of the watch that day, and a trainee watchkeeper, Stuart Livingstone.

Nell's Point has recently celebrated its third anniversary and was the first to open a NCI station in Wales.

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'A big thank you for making the High Street look so great!'

ABOVE:
LEFT HAND DOWN A BIT...
The cherry picker volunteers get a bird's eye view of Barry High Street.

ON behalf of High Street Traders, may I say a big thank you to Mr Darren Gratton, general manager of HSS Hire South Wales, for once again providing a cherry picker and two volunteers, who gave up another Sunday morning to take down the Welsh flags that have been decorating High Street throughout March.

Thanks to them, High Street looked great; we've had hundreds of comments on how good the street looked and we even made the HTV news!

Thanks again from us all; we couldn't have done it without you.
Anthony Hopkins
(Chairman, Barry High Street Traders)

'Don't build on the green field White Farm site'

As one of the founding members of the White Farm Anti-Development Campaign, I would once again like to state my total opposition to the latest plans for building 189 houses on this green field site.

When the campaign was launched, it had support from people of all political persuasions and it is vital for the campaign to remain "non-political".

These green fields and hedgerows act as a vital soak-away for the Coldbrook catchment.

If they are now covered with tarmac and driveways, the risk of flooding by the now regular severe downpours we get, will put buildings, property and people at risk further down this valley.

This will make a repeat of the devastating floods of July 2007 even more certain.

That is why I have always believed that developments should be directed towards brown field sites, and not on green field sites like White Farm.

Add the traffic chaos which will be caused by the extra traffic flowing onto Colcot Road from Whitewell Road, and the density of build on this delicate site, and you have three sound reasons why the people of Barry must make their voices heard, to ensure these plans are decisively rejected.

Please sign the petition available from me on 01446 736287 or in local shops.

Most importantly, people can put pen to paper and write a letter opposing these plans to: The Vale of Glamorgan Planning Department, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT quoting planning application: 2010/00123/RES.

Coun Rob Curtis, Barry

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT COULD LEAD TO 2,400 NEW JOBS

THE economic impact study commissioned by the Barry Waterfront Consortium has revealed that its regeneration proposals could lead to the creation of up to 2,400 new jobs across south-east Wales, with almost two-thirds likely to be based in the Vale.

The figures are part of a study by Nathaniel Litchfield and Partners, the consultants who recently produced the plans for an enhanced district centre that includes a new 4,000 sq ft community facility to be built alongside the main area of the scheme set aside for shops, bars, restaurants and offices.

The social and economic benefits of the Waterfront proposals could include 700 new jobs created by employers within the scheme, says the study.

A further 800 direct and indirect jobs could also be created in the area as a knock-on effect of the development, with a further 900 direct and indirect jobs spread across south-east Wales as a whole.

The figures exclude the additional construction sector jobs that would be created if the scheme is given the go ahead – an estimated 1,990 temporary jobs over a nine-year build period that could start as early as September.

Consortium spokesperson Richard Keogh said:

"We have always maintained that the regeneration of Barry Waterfront would be fantastic news for jobs in the area, but these figures really highlight the importance of this scheme, particularly in the current economic climate.

"The sooner we can secure planning permission for the project, the sooner these substantial economic benefits can be delivered."

WARD SURGERY

LABOUR Vale and Town councillors for Castleland ward, Barry, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their monthly advice surgery this Saturday, April 3, from 10.30am-12pm in the Drop-In-Centre at No 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment is necessary. Contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506116 for further information.

Open day at Penarth retirement home...

ABOVE:
Rene Gannon, the vice-chairperson of the Older Persons Strategy Forum, was invited to an open day in Wales & West Housing Association's retirement housing scheme at Oak Court in Penarth. Also invited were Couns Mark Wilson and Janice Birch, George Johnson (chairman of the Vale Council's newly set-up shadow board on housing), and prospective tenants.
A spokeswoman said: "They were all very impressed with the flats and studio apartments that were available to the elderly and disabled.
"We would like to thank the staff and residents at Oak Court for their warm and hospitable welcome."

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OBITUARY: DICK RICHINGS

Former police officer who became a national hero

A FORMER police officer who retired to Porthcawl has died at the age of 96.

But Chief Supt Dick Richings was no ordinary police officer – he was one of a very select band awarded the George Medal for bravery.

He received his award for disarming a gunman in 1960 and he and his wife Wendy and daughter Myra made the trip to Buckingham Palace to collect the award.

The incident took place in the main street of Tonyrefail and involved a man called Kenneth Stallard who was waving a double barrelled shotgun while villagers watched from their upstairs windows.

Richings and three junior colleagues confronted the man who had been arrested twice before and said he would not be taken again.

Richings managed to pounce and grab the gun. Two further weapons were found including a screwdriver and a claw hammer and the man was arrested.

He later smashed up his cell with a radiator pipe and he was finally restrained by three officers and sedated. He was later sent to Broadmoor.

Shortly afterwards, the Richings family were living above Penarth Police Station and were overcome by fumes. His 12-year-old son roused his father at 6am and Mr Richings managed to get downstairs before collapsing from the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mr Richings was born in 1913 in Cardiff, where his father was a policeman. He joined the Grenadier Guards before becoming a police officer with the old Glamorgan Constabulary.

During the war, he became a military policeman, meeting the King when some dead German soldiers were washed ashore at Battle in Sussex.

He later rejoined the police and served in Aberdare, Llantrisant, Penarth and Neath before ending up as chief superintendent in charge of the Bridgend division.

He retired to Porthcawl and enjoyed gardening, surviving a triple by-pass operation at the age of 84.

His wife died in 1991 and he is survived by his son and daughter. An obituary on Ch Supt Richings was written by his friend Gwyn Petty of Danygraig and was published in the Daily Telegraph.

Mr Petty said that Mr Richings was an outstanding police officer and his medal ranks only just below a Victoria Cross as far as bravery is concerned.

Pupils go paintballing and get to know the police

ELEVEN lucky winners of a competition organised by Newcastle ward PCSO Christian Freeth on the Ourbobby.com website spent the day paintballing at Taskforce Cowbridge for a prize sponsored by Safer Bridgend.

The children, aged between 14 and 15 years, are pupils at Bryntirion Comprehensive School and they won their day out after entering the Ourbobby.com competition and navigating their way through the site, to answer questions about their neighbourhood policing team.

PCSO Freeth said: "It was a great day, which saw the pupils donning camouflage and masks to take part in a variety of challenges set by the staff at Taskforce.

"It was a thoroughly exhilarating day as we faced numerous and varied obstacles, including crawling through muddy tunnels, climbing trees and houses and defending a fortress. We all had to work together to stop the opposition destroying our base and crossing bridges to capture the flag.

"Although it was primarily a fun day for the pupils, it was also an excellent opportunity for them to develop their teamwork and leadership skills; they were able to engage in effective communication – listening and speaking as well as an opportunity for them to get to know their local police."

DOUBLE ACT!

PROLIFIC local actor and musician Ryland Teifi, who is currently appearing in the hit series Caerdydd on S4C, will be appearing alongside the singer, author, bard and TV presenter, also veteran of the Grand Slam series, Dewi Pws at Barry RFC Rugby Club on April 17 at 7.30pm.

The event, organised by Friends of Sant Curig School (PTA) and billed as an evening of laughter and song, promises to be a night to remember.

It starts at 7.30pm and tickets (£7.50) can be obtained from the school on 01446 744222.

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Bailey in need of TLC

BAILEY is a five-year-old Labrador cross, described by the centre's spokesperson as "a lovely dog with a very nice, sweet nature".

A centre worker said: "He gets on well with other dogs, he is house-trained and fine to be left for a few hours. He loves his walks and having a good run off lead with his pals. He has liver diesease and is on medication and a special diet for this condition. He still has a good quality of life and he loves to live life to the full!

"Dogs Trust will help with veterinary bills relating to his condition."

She added: "He can live with other dogs but isn't suitable to live with cats. He can live with children six-years-old and over. Please don't be put of by his age or medical condition as he has lots of love to give his new owner."

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Communities First is 'safe' in the Vale

COMMUNITIES First projects being run in the Vale are carrying on as normal, despite a decision by the Welsh Assembly Government to halt all major new projects under the programme.

The action of Social Justice Minister Carl Sargeant followed revelations about irregularities at the Plas Madoc Communities First partnership in Wrexham.

There have also been critical reports into the entire flagship anti-poverty programme, because it has been accused of failing to produce the outcomes that had been planned for.

So far, the programme has received £241m over the past eight years to spend in the most deprived communities in Wales.

Mr Sergeant said that he needs to be assured that Community First Partnerships in Wales have robust financial management and governance before he will commit any further substantial funding.

A spokesman for the Vale Council said that there are Communities First Partnerships in two areas of Barry – Castleland and Gibbonsdown and Court.

Their funding has been approved until March 31, 2012.

The schemes in the Vale and Bridgend aim to encourage local people to become more involved in improving the areas in which they live and the prospects of the people who live there.

They focus on community safety; health and well being; education, skills and training; child poverty and the environment.

The areas were identified according to their ranking on an index of multiple deprivation established in 2000 and updated in 2005.

A spokesman for Bridgend County Borough Council, which co-ordinates the schemes in the borough, said that they are run according to the rules and guidelines set down by the Welsh Assembly Government.

There are several Communities First schemes running in Caerau, Betws, Blackmill, Llangeinor, Wildmill, Marlas in Cornelly, Sarn and part of Brackla.

LIVE MUSIC

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Barry Camera Club's 'three on a theme'

THE annual three-on-a-theme competition asks members to submit a 'panel' of three images which together tell a story or illustrate a theme.

Most photographic distinctions, such as the AWPF one held by the judge, Mike Davies, require panels – usually of more than three – in order to qualify, so the event is good practice for those aiming for distinctions.

The fact that there are also prizes of vouchers kindly supplied by Jessops is an added incentive!

Mike commented that the key to working well with panels was ensuring balance – no one image should dominate the panel by being strongly different in tone, colour or size.

Also, panels should always try to keep the eye inside the panel – having elements in the images at each end that pushed the eye back towards the centre.

Before judging the digital entry, Mike presented a series of panels from painting as well as photography – including the famous "triptychs" common in church art, and used these as examples to show members some of the dos and don'ts of panels.

The winners in each category receive £20 in Jessop's vouchers. The rankings were:

PRINT IMAGES

1. In the Vanoise National Park by Kathy Edwards; 2. Fungi by Hugh Winnan; 3. Bowlers by David Hunt

DIGITAL IMAGES

1. Attitude by Noel Taylor; 2. Beasties by Noel Taylor; 3. Kenfig Pond by Steve Durbin

The acceptances for the Welsh Salon, the Welsh Photographic Federation's national competition, were also announced at the meeting. Four members had had images accepted which will now be shown at the Grand Theatre, Swansea over April.

These were – prints: Curtis Fowler LRPS (Approaching Storm) and Kathy Edwards (Pigs Can Fly), digital: John Harvey (Museum Visitors) and Steve Durbin (Graveyard).

Details of future meetings are shown on the club website at *www.barrycameraclub.org.uk* and potential new members are welcome to attend free for two or three meetings, while they make up their minds about joining. **SD**

Three photographs entitled 'Attitude' by Noel Taylor.

Pontyclun woman wins top female business accolade

A PONTYCLUN copywriter who set up her own business straight out of university, has won 'Young Welsh Female Entrepreneur' at the inaugural Welsh 'Women Mean Business' awards.

Ceri Booth

Ceri Booth, director at Pontyclun-based The Creative Booth, fought off tough competition from other young rising stars to win the business accolade.

Ceri, a former beauty queen, was brought up in a loving but low-income family, which made her determined to work hard to improve her prospects of having a fulfilling career.

She set up The Creative Booth, a professional copywriting service, while at university and concentrated on developing it full time after graduating in June 2008.

Ceri set about writing a three-year business plan and as a result, she secured a grant to start the company.

She threw herself into marketing and networking to promote her business and this year, has seen sales grow by 500 per cent. She now regularly works with international clients.

Ceri impressed the judges with her determination and the ability to face the challenges that she faced, in particular the prejudices she encountered owing to her age.

Ceri said: "I'm overwhelmed to have won my category, especially against so many talented and inspiring women.

"Although success stories of young working women are much more commonplace now than they were 10 years ago, all too often women do not fulfil their potential in the business world.

"I hope that my achievements will demonstrate that age doesn't matter when setting up a business, it's ability that counts."

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Gavin and Stacey star backs the Vale's great TV locations

ONE of the stars of Gavin and Stacey was the special guest at a Vale Council tourism conference, held during British Tourism Week, which looked at how being a popular TV filming location is helping attract visitors to the county.

Actress Melanie Walters, who plays Stacey's mum Gwen in the BBC comedy, called into the 'Tourism - What's Occurring' conference at The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge to share her experiences of filming the show around the Vale.

Melanie said: "It was a tremendous location to film. Everyone was extremely helpful and welcoming, and couldn't have been kinder to the cast and crew. The more we get the message across about the many fantastic filming locations that we have in Wales, the better."

Gavin and Stacey was Melanie's first comedy series after a career that has mostly seen her playing more dramatic roles, and it meant a return to the Vale after doing a lot of filming at Ogmore-by-Sea for a programme called 'We are Seven' about twenty years ago.

Doctor Who and Torchwood are among the other recent shows to film scenes in the Vale, but it is Gavin and Stacey that has become synonymous with the county. So much so that visitors are regularly travelling from far afield to Barry Island to see the slots arcade where 'Nessa' worked or to search for 'Dave's Coaches'.

A recent poll on the Vale Council's website found that 98 per cent of local residents think Gavin and Stacey has been positive for the Vale.

The Vale Council's tourism marketing manager Claire Evans, who organised the conference, said: "Gavin and Stacey has given Barry Island and the Vale of Glamorgan as a whole a huge amount of exposure. For example, the stunning footage of Whitmore Bay as the credits rolled in the last ever scene showcased the beach in all its glory to millions of viewers."

The conference was attended by more than 100 local tourism businesses and accommodation operators. They all took the chance to hear a number of tourism-related presentations about how they can reach new markets by making the most of the internet and publicity opportunities.

(From left to right): Coun Geoff Cox (Vale Council cabinet member for visible and building services), Coun Rhodri Traherne (cabinet member for economic development and regeneration), Claire Evans (council tourism marketing manager), Melanie Walters, Mandy Davies (Vale Marketing Group) and Coun Anthony Ernest (council cabinet member for leisure and tourism).

POT HOLES COP-OUT?

I RECENTLY had to have two new wheels on my car, after hitting a succession of pot-holes on the way to Llancarfan.

A compensation claim was duly sent – only to be denied because this particular stretch had been inspected and was "due to be repaired in the following week".

So sorry, no compensation awarded. When is the council going to start paying out for their mistakes? And when is the best time to hit a pot-hole?

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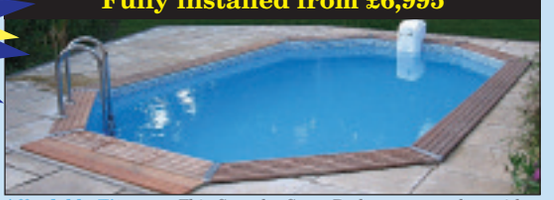

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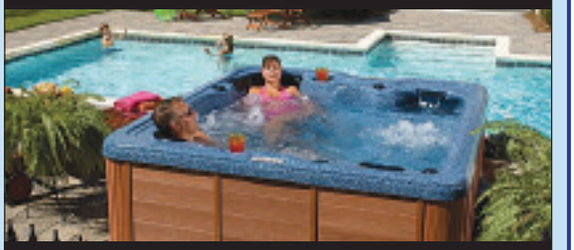

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NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Ramblers meander along past the Hearkening Rocks

Lunch at Buck Stone.

RECENTLY, an all-female group of 11 Penarth and District Ramblers joined Joy, Bronte and Bracken on an overcast morning for the journey up to Christchurch in the Wye Valley and upon their arrival it was raining.

However, as the group entered Highmeadow woods and followed the well worn track towards Symonds Yat east, it soon stopped.

Yat Rock was their first stop for a visit to the viewing platform some 500-feet above the carboniferous limestone gorge and the winding River Wye on the Gloucestershire side, where there were rather misty views of the surrounding countryside.

It is here that volunteers from the RSPB keep a watchful eye on peregrine falcons nesting in the tall rocks between April and August.

An early stop was made for coffee on the benches beside the shop and refreshed, the group continued their journey downhill towards the valley bottom.

Walking alongside the fast flowing River Wye, the group reached the Biblins suspension bridge, erected across the river by the Forestry Commission and stopped to admire a huge clump of snowdrops on the river bank.

Then, the long haul from the valley floor began as they climbed beside Lady Park Wood and made their way deep inside Highmeadow Woods.

Joining part of the Wysis Way, the group paused on top of Near Hearkening Rock composed of old red sandstone. It is said the rock derives its name as local gamekeepers used it as a listening post and observation platform to catch night poachers in the wood – as the acoustics are said to be so good you can hear a whisper when all is quiet! Its sister stone – Far Hearkening Rock lies down towards the river roughly opposite King Arthur's Cave.

A steep slope led them downhill where the path travels underneath Near Hearkening Rock which is huge and further downhill they reached the Suck Stone composed of conglomerate rock or pudding stone.

Because of the lack of foliage in the wood, they had a good view of this single rock, which lies at an angle on the steep hillside and is said to weigh as much as 14,000 tons.

A flat, wide forestry track led them on to their second climb which passed the St John the Baptist Well, responsible for supplying water for the village of Staunton until piped water was introduced.

Crossing the main road, the lane to houses was smothered with snowdrops, which are flowering later than normal because of the bad winter weather.

The last climb led them to the highest part of the walk and the Buck Stone, situated at 915 feet with grand views of the Forest of Dean and Black Mountains, sadly obliterated behind a mist. Legend has it that it was used in Druid ceremonies, but in 1885 several vandals overturned the rock and now it is static having been cemented in position.

Having enjoyed a well-earned lunch, the group walked through Staunton, named 'the place of stones' by the Anglo-Saxons towards the tall spire of All Saints Church, along a bridle path and back into the wood.

Eventually, they passed the Long Stone, said to have been a meeting place for local tribes, which dates back to the Bronze Age and followed quiet woodland paths back to Christchurch.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

MORE THAN JUST MONEY

THE GEM recently carried a letter by the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Bridgend (CPCB) entitled 'Low spenders on education'.

There was insufficient information in her letter to validate the argument put forward by the CPCB that more money needs to be invested in Bridgend's education service.

The argument appears to be solely based on 'research carried out by the Welsh Conservative Party' that revealed Bridgend 'has one of the lowest spends in Wales on education per pupil'. The apparent interpretation of this information by the CPCB is itself significantly flawed in several areas, including comparability, timeliness, and the lack of any assessment of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Because an authority has a comparatively low spend does not mean it is inefficient or ineffective, and neither does it mean that it would necessarily benefit from an injection of more cash.

Any service and function will have several dimensions of performance which an authority will seek to maximise and rationalise across competing demands on resources, including financial ones.

Information should be fully understood before assumptions or conclusions are drawn. The notion that a person should be able to properly use a piece of information without understanding is wrong.

Chris Howell
Coychurch

Families present as carers qualify at Barry College

THE latest round of local people who work in the care profession that Barry College has helped to meet legal requirements have received their qualifications..

The learners will join a growing force of more than 500 care professionals that Barry College has assisted gain an essential qualification in the last ten years.

Working in collaboration with the Care industry, the college has developed NVQ courses in care that meet the statutory requirements required for registration with the Care Council for Wales.

The learners, who were joined by their families and managers at the graduation, are the latest group of local carers to have gained their new qualifications at Barry College.

The college enrols between 60 and 80 learners on NVQ Care courses each year with a 98 per cent success rate. Since the Care Standards Act 2000 it has become a legal requirement for anyone working in Care to have an NVQ qualification.

For more information about Care courses, contact Barry College Student Services on 01446 725000.

Barry are the better of two depleted teams

ABERAMAN ATHLETIC	**0**
BARRY TOWN	**2**

THE Dragons travelled to the home of reigning Welsh League Division One champions on the back of two successive wins and also an unbeaten run of six games.

Aberaman have recently parted company with their manager, former Welsh international, Leighton James, and had also lost several players to other clubs.

The Dragons were still without the services of long term injury victims Kurt Bettles, Michael Hayward, Dan Marshall, Anthony Redwood and Josh Bell, while Kirk Huggins was still unavailable and Michael Parkins and Jaymes Dixon were nursing knocks and therefore were only on the bench. To add to that, Sam Small was serving the second and last match of his suspension.

After overnight rain, the pitch at Aberaman was very heavy, which does not suit the Dragons' passing game. The game started slowly with the ball difficult to move around. The first chance fell to Aberaman, but the ever reliable Dan Bradley showed strong hands to palm the ball to safety.

To be honest, the first half was one of the poorest we have witnessed this season. Both teams were guilty of poor passing and chances were few and far between.

The Dragons were particularly guilty of not shooting when a chance appeared. The Dragons' defence, normally so solid, was being pulled all over the place and the long ball over the top was causing difficulty. It took all the experience of Damon Searle to get the defence working as we all know it can.

Manager Gavin Chesterfield asked his team to up the pace in the second half and also to have a shot when in a good position. The Dragons heeded his advice and with 56 minutes on the clock, the ball fell to midfielder Sam Hartrey who found himself in acres of space about 22 yards out. He decided to shoot and, as with his last goal at Caerleon, the ball rocketed into the net giving the 'keeper no chance.

Aberaman created only once chance but the ball cleared the cross bar, while Barry Town's players went in search of a second. Ian Jones, still getting himself back to full match fitness, had a chance but also fired over the crossbar.

The second goal arrived four minutes later when a back pass was under-hit and Christian Mills was able to toe poke the ball past the stranded Aberaman 'keeper.

Team: Dan Bradley, Atif Bashir, Dan Clare, Damon Searle, Lewis James, Rob Blatchford, Scott Jones, Sam Hartrey, Nickie Jones, Christian Mills, Ian Jones.

Subs not used: Michael Parkins, Jaymes Dixon, James Simpson, Lewis Cosslett.

Next game: Saturday, April 3 – Caldicot Town (home) - kick-off 2.30pm.

BTSC Lotto: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10. There were no winners and the jackpot is now £1,250.

BARRY MEN'S FORUM NEWS

A life in both the theatre and film

THE speaker at Barry Men's Forum was Welsh actress, Anwen Williams, who has played character roles in both the theatre and film.

She had many interesting and amusing tales to tell. Anwen was brought up in Pembrokeshire and had a great desire to act from an early age. Her local church encouraged her theatrical leanings to the extent that at five years of age she landed the coveted part of a panda in a local production!

However, her mother wanted Anwen to train as a teacher and after leaving school she studied in Cardiff and then actually taught for a while in Barry Boys School.

At the age of 25, she was accepted for training at the Welsh College of Music and Drama. In 1976, she joined the Welsh Drama Company and one of her first professional roles was in *A Man for All Seasons*.

With Hugh Grant and Kenneth Griffith, she played Mrs Twostroke in one of Grant's early films *The Englishman that went up a mountain*.....

She also appeared with Ruth Madoc in a famous theatrical fringe venue pub in Islington.

Meetings of the Men's Forum are held every Thursday at 10.30am. New members are very welcome.

Telephone 029 2059 4881 for further information. There will be no meeting on April 8.

Mac Tanner

Good win for the Barry under-15s

IN a bruising encounter, Barry under-15s secured an excellent home victory against a combative Llanishen side.

The first half saw the Barry side go behind to a penalty before the forwards upped their game and back row stalwart Jake Goodfellow, never far from the action, thundered his way to the whitewash.

The forward platform eventually provided the momentum for a try outstanding for its continuity as centre Joe Green touched down under the posts. It was converted by Kyle Baros.

The second half saw the sides lose a number of players to injury (not through any foul play), a reflection of the sheer physicality displayed by both sets of players.

The Barry side started the second half full of confidence and scored two early tries from outside-half Jordan Flynn and the irrepressible scrum-half Kyle Baros, who picked his way through some feeble fringe defence to score his try.

Kyle added the two points by slotting over the conversion of his own try.

Having come off second best for most of the half, the visitors upped their game to run in two converted tries. This was the wake-up call required by the Barry side who, encouraged by their coaches, began to re-establish themselves.

Following excellent recycling by the Barry forwards, the backs were able to put the game to bed with another try from the excellent centre Joe Green, converted by Kyle Baros.

Final score: Barry 31 Llanishen 13.

The Barry under-15s are continually looking for new players to join the team – just turn up at Barry Rugby Club on Sunday mornings at 10am and you will be assured of a warm welcome.

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Petanque book fair fundraiser

THE Penarth Petanque Club is to hold a fundraising book fair at the Methodist Church Hall in Albert Road, on June 19 from 10am-4pm.

A spokeswoman said: "There is a distinct lack of book fairs in the area and with second-hand book shops closing due to the difficult economic climate, everybody felt that a book fair held in Penarth would be good for the local community as well as bring visitors to the area. If successful, it could become an annual event."

The club has been in existence in Penarth since 1986 with several original founder members still actively playing.

Three juniors played in international events last year, with two of them qualifying and playing in the Junior World Championships in Tunisia.

This year there will be four players competing for selection in the Welsh junior team at the European Championships in France.

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Our aim is to give students confidence in everyday life, not just for the stage, but to also have fun while learning, in a relaxed environment.

This August, for a week summer workshop, open to all, we will be doing *Mary Poppins* – learning the script, dances, and songs, crafts, and giving a performance at the end.

Town council seeks helping hand for clock repair project

THE Llantwit Major Town Council has agreed to fund work to repair the town hall clock.

It has not been chiming because of a problem involving the striker, the buildings and recreation committee, which takes care of the council's properties, has been given authority to bring in contractors.

Scaffolding will be erected around the clock tower while work is under way.

However, if the bell is found to be cracked, there will need to be further discussions, as it would probably be necessary to replace it, at extra expense.

The committee is also looking at what work is needed on the council's two listed buildings – the Town Hall and the Old School.

They are still getting estimates in for work already identified by a full survey, and they are now seeking funding from Cadw and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Rotarians will fund town's defibrillator box

ROTARIANS have agreed to pay for a special 'climate control' box to be installed in Llantwit Major.

This will house the defibrillator, which was purchased with money raised by the Mayor, Coun Molly Lane, during her year of office.

The money was donated to the local branch of the British Heart Foundation and Dr Bob Bevington, chairman of the branch, has revealed that the box will be located outside optician Chris Williams' premises.

Coun Dave Lane told The GEM that he and Molly were delighted that the equipment would now be available to First Responders and other trained to use it.

"It will be accessible to people who know the key code so that they can quickly respond to someone having a heart attack," he said.

"We were also hoping that some staff in Somerfield would be trained to use it, but with all the changes brought about by them merging with the Co-op, I am not sure if the scheme has been progressed."

He added that they were very grateful to the Rotary Club for paying for the box.

'Stuttgart trip was justified'

I READ with astonishment the recent letter by Dr David Ellis on Mr Alun Cairns' trip to Stuttgart regarding the Bosch closure.

Firstly, Mr Cairns is an Assembly Member and I see nothing wrong in representing the Assembly, irrespective of what constituency he represents.

Surely, the end factor was to try to rescue something from this closure and help the Bosch workforce?

Secondly, did Mr Cairns use his Assembly expenses? I have no idea, but perhaps he is entitled to.

There were also other cross party Assembly members on the same trip to Stuttgart. I wonder if they used Assembly expenses?

I think it is wholly unfair to single out one person and not look at the whole picture.

Thirdly, Mr Cairns does work very hard, as I know from experience, and manages to see to his Assembly duties in his constituency and in the Senedd.

As for Assembly matters in the Vale, perhaps he gets involved because he has been asked by a resident for help in some matter or other.

As for his campaign as prospective parliamentary Conservative candidate for the Vale, a lot of this work is done in the evenings and at weekends.

DR Mason,
Rhoose

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FAMILIES SPEAK OF LOSS

Moving tributes following East Aberthaw collision

THE families of Talfryn Jones and Julie Ann Bate, who died in a road collision in East Aberthaw on Sunday evening, have paid moving tributes to them.

The family of Talfryn Jones (68) of Cei Dafydd, Barry, said he was a complete family man.

They said: "This is a very sad time for our family. Our father Talfryn was a very loving husband, father and grandfather. He doted on us and gave us everything we wanted and needed.

"He was a family man who loved his sport and played amateur football while working for Western Welsh Bus Services. He was a social man and was always the life and soul of any party.

"He travelled to various European destinations with mam and his friends.

"After moving to Ynyshir from Penrhys, he settled back with his family and old friends.

"Losing mam in 2005 seemed to be the end of his world, but he later fulfilled her wishes by retiring to a residential caravan park on the coast. He will be deeply missed by us and his many friends".

Talfryn Jones – "A very loving husband, father and grandfather."

Julie Ann Bate – "A bubbly and happy person...She lived life to the full."

The parents of Julie Ann Bate (37), who was from Rhoose, said Julie would be remembered as a bubbly and happy person.

They said: "She loved life and certainly lived life to the full.

"She was a wonderful and caring daughter, sister and friend.

"She was always the life and soul of the party and everybody she met loved her personality.

"Her interests included playing pool and watching rugby with her friends in her local pub, The Mayflower. She also cared for her dog, Patch, who she dearly loved.

"Julie enjoyed charity work including sponsored abseils, walks and mountain climbs."

Julie was originally from Newport and moved to Rhoose several years ago.

Anyone with information about the collision, which occurred at 10.50pm, on Sunday is asked to contact the Police roads policing unit at Gwaelod y Garth, Cardiff, on 02920 571600 (ext: 42333).

'The free post-16 transport needs to be guaranteed'

READERS will be well aware of the Vale Council's plan to continue post-16 school transport, against their officers' advice.

The opposition was cross-party and I am sure was a significant influence.

It is relevant, however, to advise readers that the origins of this issue relate back to the new law on school transport drafted some 18 months ago. I had the privilege of leading on this for my party in the Assembly.

At the time, I warned of the risk of the withdrawal of school transport, unless a specific obligation was written into the law.

As a result, I tabled specific amendments that would have guaranteed the transport for Post-16 pupils, as well as the funding for delivery to all local authorities in Wales.

Indeed, I worked closely with the Catholic and Anglican churches, who supported my stance, as well as with Welsh language groups.

We were all disappointed, however, that Labour and Plaid AM's specifically rejected the amendments to the legislation, citing cost and their opposition to faith-based schools as their reasons.

In fact, one north Wales Labour member was disciplined by her party for supporting my view!

Of course, the local AM's current standpoint is welcomed, but action 18 months ago would have prevented the threat to the service.

Therefore, I hope readers will ask why Labour and Plaid members voted against an obligation at a Wales level, only to campaign in favour of it locally.

Should anyone wish to see the voting record and their contributions to the debate and legislation, then I would be more than happy to pass on the verbatim record.

I therefore hope that such Assembly Members will support my requests to amend the legislation as I originally attempted.

Without their support in the Assembly on this issue, we could well have similar threats at some stage in the future.

Alun Cairns
(Conservative parliamentary candidate for the Vale)

Flower demo raises £1,000 for new breast care unit at hospital

HILARY WEST, a member of the Soroptimist International Barry and District Club, recently gave an inspirational floral demonstration in the Old School Hall, Sully.

Hilary gave not only her services, but also donated all her stunning arrangements as raffle prizes and altogether the event raised £1,000.

This will be donated to the new breast care unit at Llandough Hospital. At this £1.5m purpose built centre, which opens later this year, Breast Cancer patients will receive all their treatment under one roof.

A £1m fundraising appeal is being launched to bring the latest generation technology to south Wales, including a £500,000 3-D mammogram machine.

However, money is also needed to make the environment as comfortable as possible for patients.

It is also hoped to provide a play area for young mothers with their children, as some patients will be there for a long time when tests are involved.

President Iris Hopkins of Dinas Powys referred to the fact that four of the club's members had had treatment for breast cancer and she was delighted to donate the money raised to this new unit.

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ABOVE:
President Iris, Hilary West and club member Ann James, who gave the vote of thanks to Hilary

We welcome your news items. Please email them to: ***ggem@internet-today.co.uk***

Ysgol Bro Morgannwg open evening shows pupils' talent to the full

YSGOL Gyfun Bro Morgannwg held a very successful open evening recently.

There were more than 300 visitors, who enjoyed displays and activities that are on offer to pupils in the Welsh medium comprehensive school.

TOP PICTURE: There were demonstrations by the school's gymnasts.

ABOVE RIGHT: Some pupils showed off their baking skills!

ABOVE: Getting a static electric shock can be fun!

It's Easter eggstravaganza time at Dyffryn Gardens!

BOUNCY castles, face painting and story telling will be just some of the family activities at Dyffryn Gardens over Easter weekend (April 4-5).

The Vale Council-owned 55-acre, grade 1 registered Edwardian garden is being restored to its former glory with assistance from the Heritage Lottery Fund. It has more than 30 themed areas, as well as an arboretum containing several champion trees, the biggest or largest in the UK.

Coun Anthony Ernest, Vale cabinet member for leisure and tourism, commented: "We are hoping people will come and make the most of our Easter weekend activities – there really is something for all the family.

"If bouncy castles and face painting isn't your thing, then why not visit the tea rooms and gift shop.

"We would love people to take a stroll around the gardens and view the restoration work undertaken during the past 12 months.

"The Easter weekend kicks off a whole host of events over the summer, including open air theatre, a Bonsai show, a family fun weekend and a series of wildlife events such as the 'Great Crested Newt' night on April 21."

Admission fees into the gardens are £6.50 for adults, £4.50 concessions, £2.50 children and £17 for a family pass (two adults and up to four children) through until October.

For more information, visit www.dyffryngardens.com

LLANTWIT town news in brief

PLANNING enforcement officers from the Vale Council have been out to inspect a new shopfront installed at premises next to the old Pickwick Papers shop in the old part of Llantwit which is a conservation area.

The town council raised the issue and will be notified of any further action which may be taken.

• THE work to repair the clock at Llantwit Major Town Hall will cost £2,890 plus VAT, councillors were told. It will also cost £350 to hire scaffolding for four weeks while repair work is under way.

• THE Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions are holding a Fair Day on land adjoining Llantwit Major rugby club on June 19, from 10am to 4pm.

• A SAMPLE leaflet of a Blue Plaque trail around the most important buildings in Llantwit Major is to be produced, along with costings, and then considered by the town council, which will decide whether or not to proceed.

• THE town study steering group would like a colour guide book for visitors to find their way around the trail.

• A finger post is to be placed by the library in Llantwit Major, directing people to the Llantonian Hall, tennis courts, bowling green and rugby club.

The town council is to seek consent for the placing of the finger post and then apply for a grant to fund it.

IAN HUNT, who owns The Precinct, is to be asked by the town study group for consent for an extra finger to be placed on the existing finger post at this location ,which would point towards Llantwit's twin town of Le Pouliguen in France. The distance would also be included.

• LLANTWIT MAJOR Town Study Group is to back the town council's attempts to get an extra CCTV camera installed in the town at the Square. This was decided in the wake of a recent incident when people were arrested for fighting.

• AN electronic kiosk which would give visitors tourist information may be located in Llantwit, the town study steering group was told. Funding would come via Creative Rural Communities. A suggested location is St Illtyd's Church, although traders would like it to be more central.

• MEMBERSHIP of the Footpath Forum is to be looked at when the Town Council holds its annual meeting in May, as three of the last four meetings have had to be informal, as insufficient councillors had attended.

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Celebrating the Easter story

EASTER time services at the churches of St Paul's and Merthyr Dyfan will be led by the Rector, Father Robert Parish.

Today, Maundy Thursday (April 1) at 7pm at St Paul's, commemorates the Last Supper on the night before Jesus's crucifixion.

On Good Friday, the story of the Passion of Christ is told at Merthyr Dyfan church at 10am, and at St Paul's at 12noon.

Holy Saturday (April 3), 8pm at St Paul's sees the first Mass of Easter when the church is filled with light to celebrate the coming of Easter Day.

Services of Easter Sunday are at 8.45am in Merthyr Dyfan church and 10am in St Paul's.

Wine meeting

VALE of Glamorgan Wine Circle meets on April 6 at the Llantwit Major leisure centre at 8pm with an Easter social quiz and a prize to the person with the best decorated Easter bonnet.

This evening is open to visitors and members; all are very welcome.

Flower arrangers

COR Meibion y Machlud will be performing at Llanblethian Church with guest organist Geoff Howells, on Friday, April 9, at 7pm.

For information and tickets, telephone Nick on 01446 772843.

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COWBRIDGE is one of those towns that looks its best in springtime.

With the flowers starting to bloom, the ducks on the river and the gentle sunlight bathing everything in a warm glow (hopefully!) the town provides a very attractive setting for all those who want to lift their spirits by a day out.

With its choice of shops, cafés and hotels, the town is an ideal place to lose yourself, whether it's wandering down the little alleys to discover the shops they contain, walking along the high street to visit the larger shops there, or just enjoying a coffee and watching the world go by.

Cowbridge is also a great place to update your wardrobe for spring and summer. It has a range of shops to suit all pockets – from those selling designer labels down to others catering for people with more modest means – who still demand some style and panache.

When you buy something in Cowbridge, you know that you will not see it on hundreds of other people, as is the case if you buy chain store clothes.

The small boutiques carefully select their stock to give customers a chance to get something distinctive, even if not exactly a one-off; and the owners get to know their regular customers well and can cater for their tastes and quirks.

All the new spring fashions in their bright colours are already in the shops and even window shopping can lift the spirits. There are also fabulous handbags and shoes available to accessorise any ensemble – plus stunning jewellery of both the real and costume varieties! Also, if you want to give your house a lift for spring, Cowbridge has lovely little shops that sell fabulous ornaments, cushions, knick knacks, mirrors and paintings – plus some antiques many of which are more than affordable and give your home that *je ne sais quoi!*

The fresh flowers and plants also on sale at a number of shops make one feel that spring has finally arrived and the daffodils at this time of year, as Wordsworth noted, are something that can thrill – even if they are not planted alongside lakes!

So, whatever the depth of your purse, you can find what you need in Cowbridge – with its range of fresh food shops, a fabulous ironmongers, a well stocked book shop, a proper stationers, plus lovely little gift and craft shops. **JI**

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Charity ball gives the mother and daughter team a great send-off!

A Cowbridge mother and daughter have been given a great send-off by well wishers as they plan to tackle this year's London Marathon.

Marianne and Louise England organised a charity ball in Cowbridge in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care on Friday, March 26, at the Bear Hotel.

The mother and daughter team started running last May, and the first target was to complete the Cardiff Half Marathon last October.

However, Marianne and Louise decided to push on and tackle the London Marathon on April 25, to raise money for Marie Curie.

Marianne explained: "I lost my sister, Catherine Chick, five years ago to pancreatic cancer at the young age of 43. She had wonderful care from Marie Curie, and I wanted to thank them for that."

The two runners had to raise £2,000 each to take their place in the London Marathon, but the ball was such a success that they have raised almost double that figure, with a total of £7,650 for Marie Curie!

After successfully completing last year's half-marathon, the pair have been coping well with the training needed to prepare for the full 26 miles (and 385 yards).

The only hitch has been a foot injury suffered by Marianne, who had to transfer her stamina training to an exercise bike to give the injury a chance to heal.

Louise said: "We would like to thank all the local businesses for their support by donating raffle and auction prizes, and also to everybody who attended the ball."

She continued: "We would also like to thank Julian Hitchcock and his team at the Bear Hotel for helping to make it such a lovely evening.

"Finally, special thanks must go to Jayne James from the BBC, who hosted the event, and Phil Thomas, the auctioneer."

It is still possible to support Marianne and Louise, and the just giving page address is: *http://www.justgiving.com/marianneand-louiseengland*

Marianne added: "We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received which will definitely help give us the determination needed to run the London Marathon."

ABOVE: Mother and daughter marathon runners Louise and Marianne England, pictured at the charity ball.

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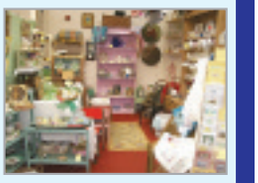

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Cowbridge fashion show is set to take centre stage at the Women in Wales lunch

COWBRIDGE retailers have a long and proud reputation for helping deserving causes, and next month sees that tradition being maintained.

A group of businesswomen in the town are organising the fashion show for this year's Women in Wales lunch in aid of Save the Children, which is being held on April 30.

Awen Evans, co-owner of Cowbridge's High Society bridal boutique, told The GEM: "We are all looking forward very much to taking part in the lunch and will be exhibiting a range of the latest spring and summer designs, which will include bridal wear, casual, formal and evening wear."

Tickets are available for the Women in Wales Lunch priced at £50 each or £500 per table from Awen Evans at High Society, on 01446 771775; or Sue from Lois Boutique, on 01446 772471.

Alternatively, contact Sharon Donald at Save the Children, on 02920 345 224.

ABOVE:
From left: At the back, fashion model Juliet, Lynne from Ushi's, Arwen Evans from Havana and Sue Marshall of Lois Boutique.
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You can now read all about the various events in Cowbridge and the surrounding areas in The GEM's online edition: ***WWW. COWBRIDGE-TODAY.CO.UK***

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'PEOPLE ARE PROUD OF THE TOWN AND IT'S TRADITIONS'– SAYS COWBRIDGE MAYOR

AS he nears the end of his year in office, the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Jon Harris, told The GEM that the town has made significant progress over the last 12 months.

Coun Harris, who is in his second stint as mayor – he first served in 1997 – pointed out that work on the new secondary school will finish as early as this September, that the scheme at The Limes cemetery had been completed successfully, and that the grammar school development was "finished and attractive".

He said: "I was delighted to be present at the school's 'topping out' last autumn – and throughout the year, I have attended a number of events in all the schools in Cowbridge."

One council initiative that Coun Harris is particularly enthusiastic about is the 'school citizen of the year' award which rewards a deserving local pupil.

The role of mayor entails on average three to four engagements a week, many local, but some further afield in south Wales representing the town, and Coun Harris credits his wife Vi as "a wonderful support" during his year in office.

He told The GEM: "As we speak, she is judging a bonnet competition at an old people's dinner in the town hall!"

Coun Harris, an engineer by training, moved to Llanblethian in 1971 when he took on the position of area sales manager with W & T Avery, a leading supplier of weighing equipment.

He has served 18 years on the council and speaks warmly of the town's traditions.

"Cowbridge maintains a good council which is non-political, and has a tradition of dressing up for the big occasions such as Civic Sunday and Remembrance Sunday, which are very, very well attended.

"People are rightly proud of the town. It has so many activities, societies and clubs – and there are so many things people can get involved in."

Coun Harris praised the contribution of the local business community which continues to provide high class events, such as The Food and Drink Festival, The Reindeer Parade and the recent autumn fashion show.

"During the Reindeer Parade, there were people who had come from as far away as west Wales and the south west of England."

Coun Harris thinks that traders in the town have shown a particular resilience during the recession.

"Cowbridge has stood up very well in difficult times. There are few empty premises, and if one is available, it is quickly filled.

"We would love to have the garden centre site occupied, though.'

One of the highlights of the year for Coun Harris and his wife was the concert held at the leisure centre in support of Breast Cancer Care, the couple's chosen charity for the year.

"Vi has had breast cancer, and we chose the charity because it helps people dealing with the emotional side of things by providing information.

ABOVE:
The Mayor, Coun Jon Harris, his wife Vi the Mayoress, with grandsons Sam (left) and Oliver in the civic parade.
(See another picture on facing page)

"We put on a concert with the Dowlais Male Voice Choir and artists from the Welsh National Opera. It was the first time we had attempted anything like this, and it was a superb evening."

The mayor's charity ball, which includes a meal, raffle and the presentation of a cheque to Breast Cancer Care, takes place at the Bear Hotel on April 23. *For further information on the event, Coun Harris can be contacted on 01446 773798.*

Coun Len Taylor will succeed Coun Harris as mayor on May 18.

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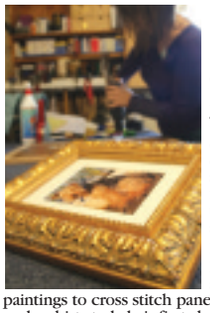

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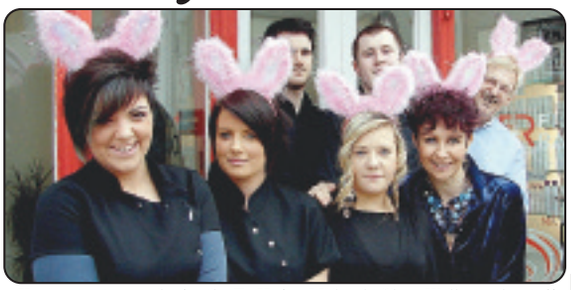

Hoping to stay awake for the Ty Hafan Midnight Sleep Walk are the staff from Fich and Ramous. Left to right, front: Rhi Jenkins, Zoe Diment, Sinead Moloney, Clair Collins. Back: John Knight, Gethin Cattle and Lance Pryor-Collins.

A TEAM from Cowbridge hairdressing salon, Fich and Ramous, is taking part in the Ty Hafan Midnight Sleep Walk on April 30.

Salon owner Clair Collins told The GEM: "We are all looking forward to a great night, raising some money for Ty Hafan and showing our support for the mums of life-limited children who rarely get a full night's sleep."

Registrations are pouring in from far and wide for the Midnight Sleep Walk, which takes place in Cardiff city centre over an eight-mile route. Some registrations have come from as far afield as parts of England such as Welwyn Garden City, Purley, Reading and Rugby!

More than 500 ladies and girls over the age of 12 took part in last year's event, dressed in their pyjamas and wearing flashing bunny ears to make them visible and keep them safe.

Jo Eveleigh, head of events at Ty Hafan, said: "We are delighted with the response so far. It looks as though we are going to achieve our target of 1,500 walkers for this fun and exciting event in the capital."

While the walk is for ladies only, husbands, boyfriends and brothers would be very welcome to act as marshals on the night of the event. (Female walkers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult).

To make sure you are part of the popular Midnight Sleep Walk 2010, register online now at www.midnight-sleepwalk.co.uk or call 029 2067 2060.

Residents are 'rightly proud of their town'

The Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun Jon Harris, says people are rightly proud of the town and its civic traditions. (See interview on page 18).

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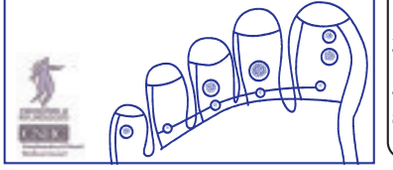

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Windsor Road, Penarth at the junction of Hickman Road/Albert Road roundabout – temporary traffic control.
Gladstone Road Bridge to the Waterfront – temporary traffic control.
Hannah Street, Barry at the junction with Barry Road, Barry – road closure from April 5.
Aberthin Road, Cowbridge – temporary traffic control.

Flower arrangers

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KICK-ASS – DOES EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS ON THE TIN!

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

MATTHEW VAUGHN made his name as Guy Ritchie's producer, helping to produce the director's double whammy of *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* and *Snatch*.

Yet Vaughn always harboured ambitions of stepping behind the camera, and was given the opportunity to prove himself with *Layer Cake* in 2004. Aside from bringing Daniel Craig to the attention of the producers of a certain spy franchise, the film also showed that Vaughn was a more than capable director, taking a genre that had been well worn, ironically due to the success of the film he had produced, and reinvigorated it.

Following that up with *Stardust*, an adaptation of Neil Gaiman's novel, Vaughn again showed his directorial chops, and his third film, an adaptation of Mark Millar and John Romita Jr's comic book, *Kick-Ass*, now hits cinemas.

Aaron Johnson plays Dave Lizewski, a teenager who wonders why, given the world we live in today, there aren't any superheroes on the streets.

He becomes Kick-Ass, a superhero defending the rights of ordinary citizens; but unlike the comic books, the criminals he comes into contact with are of the real and dangerous kind, in particular Frank D'Amico (Mark Strong).

However, the likes of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage), Hit Girl (Chloe Moretz) and the shady Red Mist (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) are also on hand, as Dave suddenly realises just what he's gotten himself into...

If you were to see Spiderman or Superman walking down the street, what would your first reaction be? Probably laughter, swiftly followed by the wonderment of why exactly somebody was dressed in spandex vowing to fight crime.

It is this type of reality that *Kick-Ass* takes place in, the real world where the concept of a man (or woman) dressing up to fight crime is as ludicrous as it seems.

Yet Matthew Vaughn and co-writer Jane Goldman aren't here to mock the world of the superhero – far from it; instead, it is a film that takes a loving look at the comic book genre, and pays attentions to the rules while simultaneously prodding and poking it, and it makes for an incredibly watchable and enjoyable film.

By now everybody should be conditioned to know the rules of the superhero world. Watch *Batman Begins*, *Spiderman*, *Iron Man* et al and you'll know how the story plays out; character decides to right the wrongs of the world, gets a costume, learns life lessons along the way and overcomes the big evil before realising that this is just the start of a life fighting crime and bad guys.

Kick-Ass doesn't subvert this in any way, instead it is almost slavish to the format – Dave Lizewski is Peter Parker in all but name – but it is the reality the film is based in that gives it its edge.

Just how does someone go about fighting crime? Where do the outfits come from? These questions are all raised and answered early on in the film, and we get to see just how hard being a superhero can be.

Vaughn and Goldman's script pays respect to Mark Millar's comic book very much in the same way Zack Snyder brought *Watchmen* to the screen – all the detail is here, but it also adds more depth and detail, asking why people are so reticent to step in and act when things happen that shouldn't happen – along with whether vigilante justice is a means to an end and the impact it has on both the vigilantes themselves and those closest to them.

While not getting overtly deep, it is still highly commendable that themes like these are raised in what is a 'comic-book' movie – it puts to shame some recent efforts that have bottled out of doing the same.

Vaughn's direction is exceptional here, and this is comfortably his most impressive outing yet. Taking his cue from the likes of *Spiderman*, the film is shot in the hues of the comic book world, Vaughn using the colours cleverly to recreate comic panels.

He also uses comic strips to flesh out backstory and give the film a visual identity related to its genre origins.

He knows his way around an action sequence as well, giving the film moments of real ingenuity to go with the shoot-outs and explosions – while the pacing of the film is perfect, Vaughn allowing the story to flow wonderfully.

He also draws excellent performances from an eclectic cast, particularly Aaron Johnson in the lead.

The English actor gets the accent perfectly, but more than that brings the character of Dave Lizewski to life with skill. Capturing the nerdish awkwardness of teen years with aplomb, he brings both an assured air and wonderful sense of innocence to the role, fleshing the character out excellently.

With dependables such as Nicolas Cage (with a understated turn) and Mark Strong (who is perfecting the art of villainy with substance), along with youngsters such as Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Clark Duke, Evan Peters and Lyndsy Fonseca, the cast are incredible. However, the stand-out performance by a country mile is Chloe Moretz as Hit Girl.

Now, the concept of an 11-year-old girl killing her way through henchmen while using language that would make sailors blush is catnip to Daily Mail readers, who will no doubt flag this film up as corruption of youth. However, it is a turn of stunning maturity and chutzpah from the actress, whose butter wouldn't melt demeanour is the perfect fit for the character.

It is a performance that is far more than one-note, and, more importantly, works once the shock factor has run out.

It's a stand-out turn as much for the 'what-did-she just-do/say' factor, as it is for acting, but Moretz is the top of the chain in a cast that has no weak links at all.

It is rare for a film to be unblemished, and no doubt some will point to the film's subject matter, the slightly geeky feel and the stylised violence as negative factors; but to this reviewer's eyes, these are not negatives, but positives that allow *Kick-Ass* to be one of the most thrilling and exciting films in recent months.

It is like the Ronseal of the movie world – a film that does exactly what it says on the tin!

VERDICT – Less a deconstruction of the superhero genre, and more a film that places the genre into the real world, *Kick-Ass* is a film that succeeds on every level, from the smart script, to Matthew Vaughn's excellent direction, and a cast that are incredibly strong.

Those who think spending two hours with a film like this is a waste of time can opt for something less impressive; those who give *Kick-Ass* their attention will not be disappointed. *Essential viewing*.

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Branch meeting

THE next meeting of the Royal British Legion (Barry branch) will be held on Monday, April 12, at 2.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour, Barry Memorial Hall.

A warm welcome to all who wish to attend.

Out and About with The GEM

Taking in Ewenny views on a 75th birthday walk

THE Vale Ramblers held a 75th anniversary walk on March 7, passing over the wonderful access land above St Brides Major, with views back down to the Ewenny valley.

The group walked past the attractive hamlet of Heol-y-mynydd and then back down a public footpath to come out onto more access land on the Heritage Coast.

The sun was shining on the resort of Porthcawl, illuminating the peninsula it stands on. The sea was shining silver and the rock faces of the cliffs stood out with a 3D effect, every feature so clearly defined.

We then walked down through the lovely Dunraven estate, stopping in the walled gardens in the warm sunshine for a coffee break.

The group continued around the estate on Tir Gofal footpaths, and along the edge of the fields (by agreement with the farmers and the support of CCW).

The walk continued through the Dunraven wooded nature reserve, (which later will be full of bluebells). The route followed public footpaths through the attractive walled fields to St Brides Major.

There the group had a picnic by the large village pond with its ancient village pump. Opposite the pond was a public house so that thirsts could be quenched.

The group later followed a country lane downhill to Castle-upon-Alun, a picturesque valley, with the lovely clear River Alun running through it.

The valley has a very old feature, an attractive clapper bridge spanning the stream. The water is clear and ripples around little islands and flows under the small arches of the bridge.

It then meanders its way through the valley to a ford with large stepping stones at the side it. During spells of very dry weather, when the water table drops, the stream can disappear into limestone caverns underground.

We then walked around the nature reserve, which we expected to be full of daffodils, but they were still short and in bud.

Like all of nature this year, they have been reluctant to burst forth in the very cold weather.

The final leg of the walk required a steep climb via a public foot path, up onto access land above the Ewenny valley.

We could see over to the other side of the valley where we started our walk. There were also lovely clear views over Bridgend to the mountains of the south Wales valleys.

MARGARET SCOTT (Vale of Glamorgan group chairman)

Hop to Bryngarw

THE elusive Easter bunny will be returning to council-run Bryngarw Country Park in Brynmenyn, Bridgend on Wednesday April 7, between 11am-3pm.

Families will be able to follow a self-guided Easter egg trail, and find hidden eggs along the way to claim your prize!

The event is suitable for children under seven, who must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Admission is £2 per child, with a car park fee of £2

Stamp winners

THE WINNERS of our recent Royal Society stamp competition were:

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Lifesaving lottery

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Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Dyspraxia meeting

THE next meeting of the Vale Dyspraxia Support Group will be the AGM at 7.30pm on Monday April 12, in the Mary Lennox Room, Barry Hospital, Colcot Road, Barry.

The Vale Dyspraxia Support Group provides support for children with dyspraxia and their families. The group helps by liaising with education authorities and the Welsh Assembly.

It is running a laptop project to support pupils with dyspraxia.

Families (both parents and children) of young people with dyspraxia and related conditions (dyslexia, ADHD, Aspergers) are very welcome to come along.

Mayor's Ball supports two great local charities

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Howard Hamilton, would like to invite you to join him at his charity ball in aid of the Barry Beavers Swimming Club and the Rhondda Cold Knap Lifeguards, two very worthwhile and deserving charities.

Coun Hamilton said: "The charity ball is being is being held at the Memorial Hall Theatre on Friday, April 16 at a price of £25 per ticket.

"This price is great value when you consider that it includes a four-course meal, disco and live music from 'The Imposters', an extremely entertaining band who play music from several generations.

"Also there will be a raffle and an auction, which will include a football signed by the Chelsea football team, signed team photographs from Arsenal, Everton and Blackburn Rovers football clubs, a swimming cap signed by Michael Phelps (gold medallist at the 2008 Olympic Games) and many more fab items."

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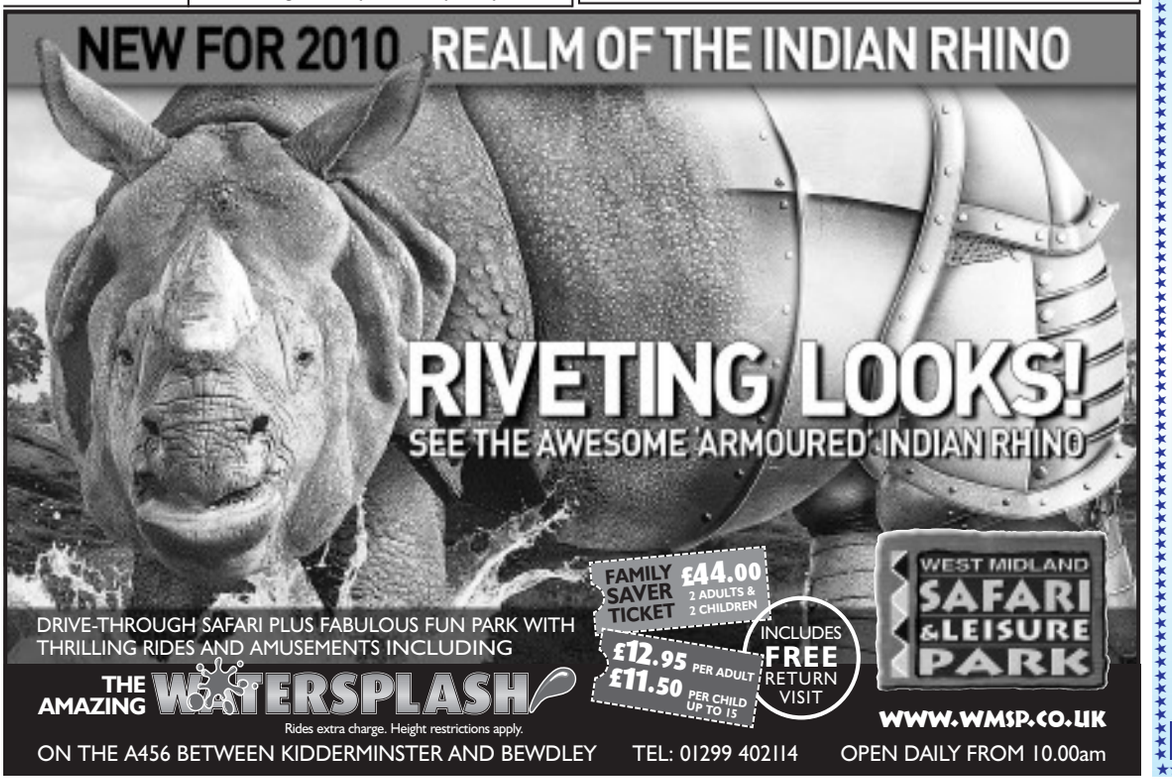

'PROFESSOR SNAPE' STEALS THE SHOW AT ALL SAINTS' BOOK DAY!

THURSDAY March 4 was World Book Day and the staff and pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School celebrated by dressing up as their favourite book characters.

The infant teachers became pirates for the day but year-4's Mr Ball stole the show by dressing as Professor Snape from Harry Potter, holding his pupils spellbound!

Headteacher Richard Ware was pleased to see everyone taking part with such enthusiasm, saying a love of good literature is so important in our lives.

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

How you can create your own website

HOW many websites are there on the Internet? Nobody knows the answer because it is a moving target.

More are set up every hour and some become obsolete. Estimates vary wildly and go up to 200 million. Someone worked out an average of over 150 pages on each site. That means upwards of 20 billion web pages, and growing!

If you want your own website it is not going to make a lot of difference to the total, so go ahead.

The club members heard previously that you need to be clear about why you want one; what you will put on it; who will your audience be and what should it look like.

The club's website www.penarthcomputerclub.co.uk contains links for downloads of free software to enable you to create a simple website. Chris used the software to show how easy it is to use once you grasp the way all the pieces hang together.

Set up a group of folders on your own computer within a folder such as My Website, to hold the resources and files that you want to use (the content can be few files to start with and more added later).

The software helps to create the pages as you simply type in the information and save the pages to your Resources folder(s). These are your Local files, stored on your computer.

As he created sample pages, Chris explained some of the website design ground-rules, for success.

• Make life easy for the reader by establishing links for simple navigation between pages.

• Always have a button that allows the user to go back to the previous page - or to your home page. If you forget this facility you will upset your visitor.

• Keep the pages easy to read.

• By all means use pictures, but be sure to reduce the file size to a sensible minimum to save time during the loading of the page. Casual visitors will not hang about.

• Use a reasonably constant style of page layout. Visitors will get fed up with having to work out where everything is on each page and just give up.

The pages can be viewed in your web browser and adjusted and improved before being uploaded to a web hosting service.

To change something on your website simply edit your local files and upload the new version to overwrite the remote version. Try it.

As Chris mentioned several times - you are not going to break anything. Honestly!

The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 13. Dr Brooks will be giving an update on how computers can help family history research. Visitors always welcome. For more information telephone 029 20708439.

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FRIENDS' SALE

BRYNEITHIN Friends are holding a table top sale/coffee morning on Saturday, April 10 at Lee Hall, Dinas Powys at 10am-12pm.

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RHODRI'S BOOKS GO TO BARRY SCHOOLS

LEFT: Jane Hutt AM pictured with Bryn Hafren pupils.

RETIRING First Minister for Wales, Rhodri Morgan AM, donated books he had been presented with from leaders across the world to schools in Wales.

Vale AM, Jane Hutt, was glad to present two sets of these books to pupils at Bryn Hafren and Barry comprehensive schools.

RIGHT: Barry Comprehensive pupils are pictured with Jane Hutt and Rhodri's books.

Bryn Hafren pupils dress as their favourite characters – *but where are the vampires?*

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ACCORDING to media reports, these days every teenage girl is wearing white make-up and swooning over the undead hero of Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight* book series (a genre much admired by The GEM's film critic, Gareth Jamieson).

However, when Bryn Hafren pupils had a chance to celebrate World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite literary character, there was a marked absence of pale prom queens!

The costumes chosen were much more cheerful, ranging from Peter Pan to comic book heroes.

Keeping up the theme, year-7 pupils staged a readathon and collected £400 for their chosen cancer charity.

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Magellan Close	123	Gold	11/03/09
Owain Court	16	Gold	14/01/10
Robins Lane	151	Gold	02/04/09
Shakespeare Road	82	Gold	10/09/09
St Govans	19	Gold	02/02/10
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The application is to extend the hours the Hall is available for hire from 9am to 1am on each day of the week for performance of plays, exhibition of films, indoor sport, performance of live music, playing of recorded music, performance of dance, karaoke, children's entertainers, provision of facilities for making music, dancing, entertainment, late night refreshment, supply of alcohol for consumption.

Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to the Senior Licensing Officer, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU, not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered.

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

J Parry - April 1, 2010

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MARRIAGE ACT 1994 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

Take notice that the above department has received the following application under the above Act from Mr Steffan Wilson for Memorial Hall and Theatre, Gladstone Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8NA to be approved as a venue for Marriage and Civil Partnership Ceremonies.

This application and associated plans are available for public inspection between 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., Monday to Friday at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU.

Any person wishing to object to the grant of this approval should write to the above address giving reasons for their objection within 21 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Peter H Evans
Director of Legal, Public Protection & Housing Services

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Hysbysir trwy hyn bod yr adran uchod wedi derbyn y cais canlynol o dan y Ddeddf uchod gan Mr Steffan Wilson i Neuadd Gofia a Theatr, Heol Gladstone, Y Barri, Bro Morgannwg, CF62 8NA gael ei chymeradwyo fel lleoliad i gynnal Seremonïau Priodas a Phartneriaeth Sifil.

Mae'r cais hwn a'r cynlluniau cysylltiedig ar gael i'w gweld rhwng 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m., o ddydd Llun i ddydd Gwener yn y Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Heol Holton Road, Y Barri CF63 4RU.

Dylai unrhyw un sydd am wrthwynebu'r cais hwn ysgrifennu i'r cyfeiriad uchod yn rhoi rheseisau am eu gwrthwynebiad o fewn 21 diwrnod i ddyddiad cyhoeddi'r hysbysiad hwn.

Peter H Evans
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Anniversaries

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HAPPY GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Wendy *and* Terry HALLETT

4th April 2010

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x x x x

50th 50th

Family Notices

GREEN
Harry

EX-STEWARD of LLANTWIT MAJOR SOCIAL CLUB

Sheila and Alun would like to thank all those who attended Dad's (Harry's) funeral on March 12, 2010, and for the many cards and messages of sympathy they have received.

Special thanks to all his neighbours, carers, special friends and relations who enjoyed Dad's company and 'looked in' on him during his life.

Also, a special thanks to the Reverend Clive Jones for the Service, and the staff of AG Adams for the funeral arrangements.

Also, thanks to all whom have made donations to the Royal British Legion in Harry's memory.

JENKINS
Huw Steven

Sue and Ron would like to thank their family, friends and neighbours for attending Huw's funeral, donations to Barnardo's Family Link Scheme, and the many cards and messages of sympathy.

Special thanks to Rev Melanie Prince for a moving service and celebration of our dear son's life and to W.James of Fonmon for the funeral arrangements.

A very special thank-you to all the nurses and carers of April Nursing Care Agency for their devotion and loving care for Huw at home for many years.

Finally we also wish to thank Dr R. Jones and Partners for supporting us unfailingly throughout Huw's life.

TAYLOR
Sharon Marie

Suddenly on March 23, at her home in Llantwit Major, Sharon, beloved wife of Malcolm, a dearly loved mother of David, Paul and Vicky, dear mother-in-law of Tanya and Gareth, much loved grandmother of Katie, Jack, Daniel, Joseph, Chantelle, Corey and Amy-Leigh, loving daughter of Margaret Costley.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Thurs April 8, service 2.15pm at St Illtuds Church, Llantwit Major followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.45pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Noah's Ark Appeal c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

Dot Mitchell

Ian, Lynda and Sue would like to thank everyone for the many flowers, cards, messages of sympathy and donations following Dot's short illness.

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Bristol trip is a good day out for Sea View

HISTORY was made recently when Sea View RFC, the youngest rugby club in Wales, travelled away to Abbey Wood RFC, the youngest rugby club in England, for a midweek friendly.

The ceremonies began with a minute's silence for club player Willo's father, Mickey Williams, who sadly passed away on Tuesday, March 16.

Despite this difficult time, he performed admirably in his milestone 25th game for the club and our deepest sympathies go out to his family members for their loss.

Strong running from Leon Ford, returning from injury, set the high benchmark for what proved to be a brilliant game of rugby.

Sterling work at the breakdown by Chris Hann and Trevor Huelin provided quick, clean ball for stand-in scrum-half Reth Davies.

Led by the skipper, Jon Blake, the View totally dominated the scrums, and this provided the perfect platform to allow the backs to obtain undisturbed ball through the game.

A long spell of Abbey Wood possession found them on the Sea View try line but superb defensive tackling from Wayne Burston and Braithwaite kept Abbey Wood from scoring.

However, a moment of indiscipline resulted in a penalty being awarded to the home side, which was easily converted from under the posts.

Undeterred by the concession, Sea View battled hard and were awarded a lineout 15 yards from the Abbey Wood line.

A trademark lineout manoeuvre saw Leon Ford break through the Abbey Wood pack and crash over the line to score the first try of the game; Glyn Smith was unable to convert.

Three points were added to the Abbey Wood total, from 20 yards out, as the Sea View pack paid the price for their indiscipline.

Sea View dominated the next 10 minutes of play, with Steve Ball linking up nicely with his backline. However, a wayward pass by Chris Taylor allowed the Abbey Wood winger to scoop the ball and run the full length of the field to score a converted try under the posts.

After stunning interplay from the backs, View were rewarded with a penalty five yards from the goal line.

Reth Davies took a quick 'tap and go' and the ever-supportive Trevor Huelin powered his way over the line.

Abbey Wood gained an unconverted try before the break, making it **Abbey Wood 18, Sea View 10.**

The rucking game began to take its toll on a tiring Sea View pack and the Abbey Wood flanker finished a well-worked try under the posts, leaving an easy conversion for their kicker.

Some much-needed substitutions were made, which included the return of Ross Adams after a long ankle injury. Justin Sammut and Tim Fowler both slotted into the side well, producing some great runs and tackles.

The View, inspired by the leadership of their senior players, rallied together for the last 10 minutes and wisely encouraged their younger wide men to capitalise on the tiring Abbey Wood team.

Sea View eventually stretched the home defence, with Chris Burston scoring two converted tries as the game drew to a close.

Final score: Abbey Wood 25, Sea View 24.

Sea View would like to thank Abbey Wood RFC for their generosity in paying for the minibus in which Sea View travelled to Bristol. This gesture emphasised the spirit of the sport and the friendships that are created between distant clubs.

The View have a bottom of the Premier League battle against Tongwynlais.

Their final league fixture is a home derby against Sully Sports on Saturday, April 10.

MV

Positive first season for under-9 team

Back row (left to right): Lawrence Walpole, Daniel Richards, Evan Wells, Daniel Barnett, Ruben Fahiya, Joseph Allwood. Front: Jack Such, Sam Hopkins, Dylan Lee, Rhys Woolmer, Sam Montgomery, Jack Pascoe.

BARRY ATHLETIC FC under-9s team formed in the summer of 2009.

The inaugural season has been a great success for all concerned, with the main benefit being the affiliation with the existing football section at Barry Athletic.

The team has enjoyed the advantage of having their own facilities, which includes a well-maintained pitch.

The coaching team would like to express their gratitude by extending a huge thank you to Tony Mulhern of TEMA for the sponsorship of the kit and to Viv Davies and Rob Newman for not only giving the team the opportunity to join Barry Athletic FC, but also for their much-valued help throughout the season.

Thanks also go to Brian George at Monument Creative Design, to the Community Chest and to the parents and supporters for their support.

The coaching team would also like to congratulate the players for what has been an enjoyable first season.

A special mention goes to Evan Wells, Daniel Barnett and Joseph Alwood, all selected to represent Cardiff City's advanced development centre under-9s and the Vale of Glamorgan academy, to Jack Pascoe, selected for Cardiff City's advanced development centre under-8s, to Rhys Woolmer, selected for the Cardiff City coaching centre and the Vale of Glamorgan academy.

Also, Ruben Fahiya was selected for the Cardiff City coaching centre and Lawrence Walpole was selected for the Vale of Glamorgan academy.

DW

‘Absolute star’ – Phantom has pupils spellbound

The excited Gladstone youngsters are to be featured on Peter Karrie’s latest single.

THE Gladstone Primary school had a real treat on March 9 when a West End star joined them for their annual eisteddfod.

Peter Karrie came to watch talented youngsters from reception up to year-6 receive certificates for winning competition pieces. He listened to their songs and applauded the winning Bardic poem written by Joel Brownhill of G14.

Peter Karrie was born in Bridgend and brought up in Barry. His first success was as the lead singer in the band Peter and The Wolves, which opened concerts for the Rolling Stones and Tom Jones.

He achieved international fame as the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s record-breaking *Phantom of the Opera*. Peter first played the Phantom at London’s Her Majesty’s Theatre and he went on to play the role in Toronto, Singapore, Hong Kong and Vancouver.

Children and staff were delighted and thrilled when Peter sang ‘The music of the night’ to end the afternoon of celebrations. He also sang ‘Bring him home’, a song from *Les Miserables* in which Peter played the lead role of Jean Valjean and his new song ‘My funny old lovely old Wales’, which he will be releasing as a single soon to raise money for Bobath, a national charity helping children with cerebral palsy.

The children of Gladstone are very excited about this new release as every child will be featured on it.

Headteacher, Caroline Newman, said: “To hear such wonderful singing was quite simply breathtaking. I couldn’t watch Peter perform as I was too enthralled watching the faces of the children as they listened.

“Peter shows the children that a child from Barry can break the boundaries and become whatever they want to be in this life. We are humbled as a school that Peter was so generous with his time. He truly is an absolute star.”

The winning Bardic poem by Joel Brownhill G14:

My Welsh Dragon Said

My Welsh dragon said he’s seen it all,
But he said Wales is very small
In rugby it’s a different story.
The crowd off their seats,
Everyone in the Millennium is on their feet.
My Welsh dragon said ‘There’s been a lot of wars’.
But I say ‘No more!’;

The best of all, the flag it’s not so small.
So if you’re feeling down, look at the flag
And turn the frown upside down
Be proud to be WELSH.

Joel and his winning poem.

Peter Karrie with headteacher Caroline Newman, teacher Sarah Creasey and some of the children with their CD designs.

NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Parents learn about internet safety

Ready to Salsa!

BARRY Comprehensive School recently hosted an ‘Internet Awareness Evening’ presented by i-PAT (Internet Parental Awareness Training).

The group works with primary and secondary schools, councils, companies, clubs, societies and youth organisations to provide internet awareness training sessions so parents, carers, teachers and youth workers can learn how to keep children safe on the Internet.

The evening was very informative and gave the parents who attended plenty of tips on keeping their children safe whilst using the Internet at home.

A ‘trip around the world’

A GROUP of Barry Comprehensive School year-9 students spent a day at the Wales, Europe and the World exhibition.

Various cultural and language related activities took place including learning Mandarin, practising Tai Chi and even some salsa dancing.

During the enjoyable and informative day, the pupils had to complete a “passport” answering questions on languages. Well done to James Lofthouse, who was one of the prize winners.

Cadoxton School’s ‘Bad Kids’ prove great at dance

The Cadoxton dance group ‘Bad Kids’.

THIRTEEN children from Year 4, 5 and 6 showcased their talent by representing Cadoxton Primary School in the Vale school’s annual dance celebrations, ‘Best Foot Forward’ at the Memorial Hall and Theatre on March 17.

The ‘Bad Kids’ worked hard after school with their teachers (Miss Miller and Mrs Hughes) to choreograph a routine to the number one selling single ‘Bad Boys’ by Alexandra Burke.

Their hard work was awarded with whoops and cheers from the audience! Well done everyone!

DM

Bryn Hafren is pipped in the ‘Rotary Speaks’ debate

FOLLOWING earlier success in the Rotary Youth Speaks competitions for the town, and then the Vale and Cardiff, the senior debating team from Bryn Hafren represented their school and Barry at the south Wales event held in the Manor Hotel, Crickhowell.

Bryn Hafren debating team of Hannah Parker, Rosie Loup James and Lili Beth James.

The competition between the seven teams was fierce, but Rosie Loup James, Lili Beth James, and Hannah Parker gave a sterling performance debating the topic that ‘This House believes that a baby is a blessing, not a right’.

Judges, Rev Randolph Thomas, Kirsty Williams (Assembly Member for Brecon and Radnorshire), and Roy Noble (broadcaster), commented on a closely-fought contest that had been difficult to decide.

Only half a point separated the winners from the runners-up. In the end, a team from the Rhondda took first place and the Barry team came second. With a stunning performance, Rosie Loup James took the individual prize for best chairperson.

In praising the teams, Roy Noble said that he had been very impressed and would be commenting on the event in his upcoming programme. President of Barry Rotary Club Don Carsley, who attended the event with other Rotarians, said how proud he was of the students’ achievements in getting so far and was delighted to learn that they would be entering again next year.

ABOVE: Rosie Loup James receives the award for best chairperson from Rotary district governor, Bob Higgins.

CARDIFF & VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS AA

Success for Vale pupils at sports hall meeting

by PETER MORRIS

PUPILS from three Vale schools – Bryn Hafren, Cowbridge and St Cyres – competed in this year's Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' sport shall championships, which were held in three afternoon sessions in the sports hall at Whitchurch Lower School.

The events in the under-13 section, for pupils in years 7 and 8, are individual competitions, while pupils in years 9 and 10 (under-15) take part in all rounder competition, selecting one event out of two in three sections and gaining points for their ranking in each competition.

With more than 400 pupils taking part, the competition, particularly in the boys' events, was of a high standard.

Four pupils – all from Cowbridge Comprehensive – claimed titles.

Star of the under-13 competitions was year-8 George Griffiths, who claimed a hat trick of wins in the 2 laps, high jump and standing long jump. His team-mate, Joe Gaughan, won the shot event, while Annabel Curle, the South Wales Regional Schools under-13 cross-country champion, showed her versatility by heading the pupils in the standing triple jump.

In the under-15 section, there was double success for Cowbridge year-10 Romy Killick, who was the best pupil in the speed bounce and, with a points total of 438 (out of 450), also claimed the all-rounder title.

All four pupils will receive their award at the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Track & Field Presentation Evening, to be held at Cardiff High School on Tuesday, September 7, starting at 7pm.

Results of Vale pupils: Under-15 Boys All Rounder – Years 9 and 10 – 2 Laps: 7 Matthew Roan (St Cyres) 21.2; 9= James Griffith (Cow) and Christian Walters (Cow) 21.4; 12= Harry Hitchcock (Cow) 21.5; 24= Jack Wilcox (Cow) 21.8; 52 Tom Cunningham (Cow) 23.7. Standing Long Jump; 10 Matthew Roan (St Cyres) 2.17; 11 Christian Walters (Cow) 2.16; 16 James Griffith (Cow) 2.10. Standing Triple Jump: 2 Harry Hitchcock (Cow) 6.96; 12 Abdel Boulaiche (St Cyres) 5.85. Shot (4 kg): 6 Matthew Roan (St Cyres) 9.20; 10 James Griffith (Cow) 8.90; 11 Christian Walters (Cow) 8.80; 18 Tom Cunningham (Cow) 8.10; 20 Jack Wilcox (Cow) 8.00. Speed Bounce: 5= Harry Hitchcock (Cow) 73; 9= Abdel Boulaiche (St Cyres) 70; 9= Max Harcombe Radyr 70.

Under-15 Boys placings – 6= Harry Hitchcock (Cow) 414; 8 Matthew Roan (St Cyres) 410; 11 Abdel Boulaiche (St Cyres) 394; 12 Christian Walters (Cow) 392; 15 James Griffith (Cow) 384; 68 Jack Wilcox (Cow) 214; 72 Tom Cunningham (Cow) 166.

Under-13 Boys – Years 7 and 8 – 2 Laps: 1 George Griffiths (Cow) 21.1; 2 Tom Trotman (Cow) 21.2; 5= Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 21.7; 11 Kristian Jones (Cow) 22.3. 4 Laps: 10 Joshua Thomas (Cow) 52.1; 11 Joseph Gaughn (Cow) 52.8. 6 Laps: 2 Cameron Jones (Cow) 79.2; 5 Tom Owen (Cow) 84.3. Standing Long Jump: 1 George Griffiths (Cow) 2.59; 6 Cameron Jones (Cow) 2.16; 14 Josh Thomas (Cow) 2.02; 17 Kristian Jones (Cow) 1.98; 21 Declan Thomas (Cow) 1.95; 37 Tom Owen (Cow) 1.68. Standing Triple Jump: 2 George Griffiths (Cow) 7.12; 8 Tom Trotman (Cow) 6.66; 14 Cameron Jones (Cow) 6.06; 16 Kristian Jones (Cow) 5.28; 17 Tom Owen (Cow) 5.00. High Jump: 1 George Griffiths (Cow) 1.50; 2 Tom Trotman (Cow) 1.35; 4= Declan Thomas (Cow) 1.25; 13 Tom Owen (Cow) 1.05. Vertical Jump: 6 Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 40; 11 Tom Owen (Cow) 20. Speed Bounce: 2 Cameron Jones (Cow) 70; 3= Kristian Jones (Cow) 69; 12= Josh Thomas (Cow) 61; 29 Tom Owen (Cow) 46. Shot (3.25kg): 1 Joe Gaughan (Cow) 10.30; 3 Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cow) 8.80; 14 Tom Owen (Cow) 5.60.

Under-15 Girls All-Rounder – Years 9 and 10 – 2 Laps: 3 Romy Killick (Cow) 22.7; 4= Caitlin Allin (Cow) 23.1; 6= Elizabeth Whitehouse (Cow) 23.2; 13 Mairi Boxall (Cow) 23.8; 14= Amy Wallis (Cow) 24.0; 24= Jessica Oliver (Cow) 24.9; 30= Melisa Gooding (Cow) 25.9; 38 Hannah Taylor (Cow) 28.2. 4 Laps: 3 Miriam Bennett (Cow) 51.4; 4 Rachel Bradshaw (Cow) 51.6; 5 Molly Frost (Cow) 51.7; 8 Katie Wynne (Cow) 52.8; 9= Katie Munro (Cow) 53.4; 11 Nancie Edwards (Cow) 54.0. Standing Long Jump: 2 Melisa Gooding (Cow) 2.16; 4 Rachel Bradshaw (Cow) 2.01; 5 Romy Killick (Cow) 1.99; 6 Jessica Oliver (Cow) 1.98; 8 Miriam Bennett (Cow) 1.96; 22 Hannah Taylor (Cow) 1.60; 23 Katie Munro (Cow) 1.58; 24 Caitlin Allin (Cow) 1.56; 25 Amy Wallis (Cow) 1.56; 26 Nancie Edwards (Cow) 1.56. Vertical Jump: 3 Molly Frost (Cow) 50; 7 Katie Wynne (Cow) 47; 10 Mairi Boxall (Cow) 44; 18 Elizabeth Whitehouse (Cow) 40. Shot (3.25kg): 3 Katie Wynne (Cow) 6.50; 7 Mairi Boxall (Cow) 6.20; 8 Molly Frost (Cow) 6.20; 12 Elizabeth Whitehouse (Cow) 5.70; 23 Jessica Oliver (Cow) 4.60. Speed Bounce: 1 Romy Killick (Cow) 79; 4 Caitlin Allin (Cow) 73; 5= Miriam Bennett (Cow) 69; 8= Melisa Gooding (Cow) 67; 11 Rachel Bradshaw (Cow) 65; 16 Hannah Taylor (Cow) 57; 19 Nancie Edwards (Cow) 51.

Under-15 Girls placings – 1 Romy Killick (Cow) 438; 5 Molly Frost (Cow) 424; 6 Miriam Bennett (Cow) 422; 7 Katie Wynne (Cow) 420; 9 Rachel Bradshaw (Cow) 410; 16 Mairi Boxall (Cow) 394; 17 Caitlin Allin (Cow) 391; 19 Elizabeth Whitehouse (Cow) 383; 22 Melisa Gooding (Cow) 374; 32= Jessica Oliver (Cow) 349; 35 Nancie Edwards (Cow) 344; 47 Hannah Taylor (Cow) 304; 50 Katie Munro (Cow) 239; 51 Amy Wallis (Cow) 224.

Under-13 Girls – Years 7 and 8 – 2 Laps: 7 Zoe Jenkins (Bryn H) 24.1; 28 Chelsea Roxberry (Bryn H) 25.1; 35= Olivia Brown (Cow) 25.6; 35= Chelsea Hutchin (Bryn H) 25.6; 35= Ami Rees (Bryn H) 25.6; 43 Sarah Lewis (Cow) 26.1; 52 Gniellie Rodriguez (St Cyres) 27.2; 58= Ellis Auclas (St Cyres) 27.9; 58= Lauren Eveleigh (Bryn H) 27.9; 63 Sarah Arnold (Bryn H) 28.4. 4 Laps: 2 Izzy Eddy-Williams (Cow) 50.3; 5 Niamh Gallagher (Cow) 51.1; 23 Olivia McCormack (Bryn H) 59.1; 27 Fatena Rahman (St Cyres) 67.3. 6 Laps: 3 Rachel Cosier (Bryn H) 83.5; 11 Tillie Carter (Bryn H) 88.8; 12 Abbie Hamett (Bryn H) 91.2. Standing Long Jump: 4 Izzy Eddy-Williams (Cow) 2.00; 8 Chelsea Hutchin (Bryn H) 1.88; 22 Gniellie Rodriguez (St Cyres) 1.76; 24= Olivia Brown (Cow) 1.74; 28 Tillie Carter (Bryn H) 1.66; 29 Ami Rees (Bryn H) 1.66; 35 Georgia Lougher (Bryn H) 1.60; 38 Chelsea Roxberry (Bryn H) 1.58. Standing Triple Jump: 1 Annabel Curle (Cow) 5.76; 3 Sarah Lewis (Cow) 5.63; 5 Kirsty Hogg (St Cyres) 5.32; 13 Keyleigh Borge (Bryn H) 5.09; 14 Rachel Cosier (Bryn H) 5.04; 16 Gniellie Rodriguez (St Cyres) 4.94; 17 Abbie Hamett (Bryn H) 4.92; 26 Lauren Seviour (Bryn H) 4.54; 31 Emily Perry (Bryn H) 4.20; 33 Fatena Rahman (St Cyres) 4.04; 37 Ami Rees (Bryn H) 3.96. High Jump: 4= Annabel Curle (Cow) 1.20; 4= Jordan Carpenter (Cow) 1.20; 6 Emily Perry (Bryn H) 1.15; 9= Zoe Jenkins (Bryn H) 1.15; 13 Keyleigh Borge (Bryn H) 1.00. Vertical Jump: 4 Rachel Cosier (Bryn H) 39; 5 Olivia McCormack (Bryn H) 38; 9 Georgia Stevens (Bryn H) 36; 10 Niamh Gallagher (Cow) 35; 17 Hannah Woodward (Cow) 31; 26 Ellis Auclas (St Cyres) 28. Speed Bounce: 4= Izzy Eddy-Williams (Cow) 70; 19= Kirsty Hogg (St Cyres) 64; 24= Chelsea Hutchin (Bryn H) 62; 24= Olivia Brown (Cow) 62; 31= Chelsea Roxberry (Bryn H) 60; 35= Georgia Lougher (Bryn H) 59; 44= Olivia McCormack (Bryn H) 55; 44= Tillie Carter (Bryn H) 55; 51 Fatena Rahman (St Cyres) 26. Shot: 3 Hannah Woodward (Cow) 6.10; 9 Ellis Auclas (St Cyres) 5.30; 10 Niamh Gallagher (Cow) 5.20; 26 Lauren Eveleigh (Bryn H) 4.00; 28 Lauren Seviour (Bryn H) 3.40.

Vale golfers enjoy delights of new venue

Kevin Latham and Phil Mason with winner Clive Thomas and runner-up Coun Raymond Thomas.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at St Andrews Major golf club, near Barry.

This was a new venue for the 30 society members, all competing for the many excellent prizes supplied by the day's sponsors Hire One Ltd.

Despite the wet conditions, Llantwit Major farmer Clive Thomas scored a very impressive 39 stableford points to take first prize, with neighbouring farmer, Coun Raymond Thomas, taking second place with 35 points.

John Caines and Godfrey Lewis with 34 points, finished third and fourth respectively.

Phil Mason won the guest section with 36 points, and Kevin Latham finished second with 33 points.

The 'James the Butcher' sponsored longest drive was won by Tim Jarvis, while nearest the pin on the par three holes were Keith Wilding, Tony McCarthy, Kevin Latham and Brian Jones.

Chris Rooney correctly guessed 52 golf balls would fail to return home to win the 'Premier Turf' sponsored lost ball sweep that resulted in £50 being raised for Kidney Research Wales.

The society's next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29 on the Button course at Cottrell Park Golf Club when members will be competing for the Gaskell & Walker sponsored Walker Cup.

On the same day, members are also looking forward to welcoming David Harris to the over-50s club and to the champagne reception that popular member David is hosting.

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Rhoose bowlers see new green installed

Left to right: Paul Williams, bowls captain, Bert Ewers, bowls club president, John Wathes, bowls club chairman, Coun Gordon Kemp, Coun Jeffery James and Phil Beaman.

RHOOSE Bowling Club, which reaches its 20th anniversary this year, has an additional reason to celebrate as a new surface has been installed thanks to the Vale Council.

Through the council's visible services asset renewal programme, £34,400 was provided to install a new surface of carpet and underlay to replace the club's existing artificial green.

Although the original surface was lasting well, its age was beginning to show, particularly in the need for frequent cleaning and running repairs. It had been there for nearly 20 years, with a life expectancy of just 10 years.

Coun Gordon Kemp, Leader of the council and a local ward member, said: "I'm pleased that the club has had a replacement surface installed which will attract new members to use this facility and meet new people with similar interests."

Welsh shooting team on target for Games

ABOVE: The Welsh medal haul.

TEAM WALES' shooting stars are aiming high in this year's Commonwealth Games – with their latest tournament in Delhi keeping them bang on target.

Twenty-one triumphant shooters recently returned from India where they took part in the Commonwealth Shooting Federation Championship (CSFC). They finished equal second in the overall medal table and outright second in the individual table, winning four gold, two silver and seven bronze medals. Hosts India topped the table.

The Welsh team has been training for the Commonwealth Games on the South Wales Police firearms range at Waterton Cross, Bridgend.

Charlotte's Ledbury win

by BRIAN LEE

CHARLOTTE PRICHARD (14), a member of the Pentyrch Hunt Pony Club, riding her five-year-old chestnut mare *Peateaoh*, won the 14hh pony race at the Ledbury Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Maisemore Park on Sunday.

The win was some consolation for Charlotte as in her previous race at Erw Lon, *Peateaoh* had slipped up when looking all over a winner.

Earlier in the season, they were successful at the Vine and Craven Hunt races.

Charlotte's older brother David (18), was also in fine form, winning a division of the maiden race on Phil Dando's homebred *Autumn Haze* who was appearing on a racecourse for the first time.

Autumn Haze was a comfortable winner from *Amatara*, the only other finisher in a field of 16 runners. *Autumn Haze*, who went off a 9-1 chance, is owned and trained by Peterston-super-Ely farmer Phil Dando and is a half-brother to his *Bella Haze*, a winner of three of its last four races under rules.

Nigel Westall memorial fixture won by Pencoed

SULLY Sports youth became apprentice BP Vets recently for the Nigel Westall memorial fixture, where they hosted Pencoed youth.

Pencoed took an early lead with two quick tries, and while Sports rallied, they failed to take advantage of a sustained period of pressure on the visitors' five metre line.

The half time change around saw the Sports increase the pace and quick scores put them back in the driving seat.

In the final quarter changes were made to ensure that the whole squad played their part, which probably cost the Sports the victory, but the day was not about the result.

The after match social was as important as the game and the celebrations were as entertaining as the game.

Try scorers: Harry Moyle, Adam Wheeler and Dan Stewart.

Final score 19-25 to Pencoed, many thanks to Pencoed and Glyn the referee.

JM

Barry Island turns out for Sport Relief mile

ABOVE: Runners of all abilities took part in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile at Barry Island.

HUNDREDS of runners came together at Barry Island on Sunday, March 21, to take part in the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile, organised locally by the Vale Council's events team as part of Sport Relief.

Sport Relief brings together the worlds of sport and entertainment to raise money for vulnerable people in the UK as well as the world's poorest countries.

With Barry Island looking its sunny best and with the resort packed with people supporting their families, friends and neighbours, the scene was set for a fantastic day at the seaside.

Vale Council events officer Michael Chubb, said: "You could tell as soon as the runners started arriving that it was going to be a good day.

"There was a full range of running abilities and ages present, from babies propelled in their pushchairs to Lycra-clad professionals.

"Some were in it for fun - such as inflatable sumo wrestlers and two men sharing the same pair of trousers - to serious runners. There was a great family atmosphere too as friends and family met up and old friendships were renewed. I'm glad that we were able to be a part of this great national event and help with raising money for Sport Relief."

The oldest runner was Dinas Powys resident Derek Griffiths, aged 74, who was celebrating his 170th charity run!

Derek said: "I have run the London Marathon and two Cardiff marathons in my time but it was lovely to make Barry my 170th. The race has been very well organised and I'll definitely run again next year - I'll make it my 171st outing."

More information on Sport Relief is available at www.sportrelief.com.

Llantwit fencers in search of precious metals

THE Llantwit Major Fencing club has reformed after a two-year gap.

The club coach Gordon Kingston (aged 72), decided to come out of retirement after previously being chairman of Welsh Fencing and running a very successful club for more than 35 years.

There are six members at the moment, all under 12 years old. He is assisted by his son Matthew Kingston, who retired as a successful international fencer four years ago.

Since Christmas, the club members have entered two Welsh championships with great success. The first was the Welsh youth foil championships, in which Jack Cafaro was the gold medalist in the under- 12s foil, Heulwen Hill a bronze medalist in the under-12s foil, and Menna Hill a bronze medalist in the under-10s foil.

Luisa Cafaro fenced with great spirit and determination but a distracting administrative mistake led to her initially expending energy fencing fencers above her age group.

Last weekend, Llantwit Major Fencing club was represented in the senior Welsh foil championships by brothers Matthew and Mark Kingston, both of whom have been past Welsh champions and fenced for Wales at Commonwealth level, where they gained silver and bronze team medals.

Both fenced with great style, technique, and commitment, and reached the final four where Matthew gained the silver medal place and Mark the bronze, both losing to top ranked Welsh international Jason Scourfield from Bristol Fencing Club.

Their only disappointment was that they did not meet each other in the final for first place, but they clearly enjoyed the experience having not fenced or trained seriously for sometime.

For their father, the Llantwit coach Gordon, it was a rewarding experience to see that they can still make the grade.

AK

School host touring Canadian rugby team

THIS weekend will see Cowbridge senior rugby squad host 32 Canadians from Streetsville, Ontario.

The tourists have arranged a two-week tour of the UK finishing with a weekend stop in Wales. As well as playing a match on Friday evening against the school, the Canadians will also experience a tour of the Millennium Stadium as well as having a coaching session with the Newport Gwent Dragons.

The school would also like to extend a very special thank you to the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge for their help and assistance with the organisation of this tour – your support is greatly appreciated.

Vale 7s

The school's 7s season got off to a flying start as Cowbridge Comprehensive finished runners-up in the year-11 competition and winners in the year-7, 8, 9, 10 and senior tournaments respectively.

Year-11: Captain James Williams was the standout player for the year-11 squad who opened up with a very hard fought 25-15 loss to current Welsh 7s champions Bro Morgannwg.

Victories were then secured over Llantwit Major, Barry and Stanwell.

Lewis Hopkins showed some good qualities up front and Sam Street used his pace to run in a brace of tries.

The final was a rematch against a very strong Bro Morgannwg, who stepped up the intensity to gain a comfortable 45-12 win. Year-11 will now go to Rosslyn Park a far more experienced and better prepared side as a result of this tournament.

Seniors: Coming fresh from winning the Llanhari 7s tournament at the start of the week, the senior side started the Vale 7s with a classy 50-5 win over Barry.

Captain Tom Howson used the full bench to give much-needed rest to key players in the squad. It was a big bonus for the school to see Adam Wood return from injury, even though the school has lost one of its best 7s players, Rhys Allin, to injury at the Llanhari tournament.

Next up for the seniors was a tough game against Stanwell, and in a game full of errors and mistakes, the school edged to a very scrappy 28-24 win.

The third group game saw the school face 2010 Welsh Schools league winners Bro Morgannwg in a very difficult tie.

Having confidence that they would have the ability to win the remaining group games, the school rested key players for this game to conserve valuable energy.

Bro Morgannwg eased to a comfortable 45-5 win and looked dead certs to win the tournament.

In the final group game, Cowbridge beat Llantwit Major comfortably to set up a rematch with Bro Morganwg in the final.

With a fairly fresh and full strength team, Cowbridge started the final well with a score from Tom Harrison, while Nick Davies battled through injury and looked like a top class 7s player.

Reuben Tucker, Russ Watkins and Adam Wood worked well up front and tackled well in defence, Fred White also looked sharp.

Bro Morgannwg fought back instantly and scored two quick tries to edge into a 14-7 lead before Cowbridge levelled things with a try from Tom Howson.

With seconds remaining, Tom Howson broke from the back of a scrum and found Nick Davies with a nice pop pass, who scored under the posts to secure a great win for the school.

Captain Tom Howson was really pleased and proud of his team, who became the only Welsh side to beat this Bro Morganwg team in 7s in several years.

Well done boys!

Exiles overcome Legends in memorial tournament

CADOXTON IMPS AFC recently held their annual Edwin 'Eddie' Mallett seniors 5-a-side football fun tournament in memory of former treasurer Eddie Mallett, who was with the Imps for more than 30 years and who sadly passed away in 2008 after a valiant struggle against prostate cancer.

This was the second time that the Imps have run the tournament, but this year it was held for the first time at the Gol Centre, Leckwith on the new 'state of the art' 3G surface.

The invited teams consisted of representative teams from the Imps' current senior teams in the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League together with invited teams of past players/managers including the current Dinas Ladies team, led by ex Imps manager and committee member Neil Cordy, and with some of his ex Imps girl players.

The format consisted of two groups of four teams with the teams playing against each team in their respective group and then the top two from each group qualifying for the semi-finals.

Surprise of the tournament was the team of current committee members and managers led by chairman Martin Pursall, secretary Gary Spierling, vice-chairman Ian James, plus managers Andrew Smith, Peter Bowden and Neil Copner who, against all the odds, reached the semi-finals!

Sadly, the committee team lost out to the Leigh Cogbill 'Legends', a strong team of ex-players from the Imps' Premier League-topping team of a few years back and who won the inaugural tournament last season.

In the other semi-final, the two Martin James 'Exiles' teams of ex Imps players, mostly from Martin's incredibly successful ex-Imps team fought it out among themselves to see who would reach the final to try to stop the Legends taking the title for the second time in a row.

The final was of a very high standard and both teams were evenly matched.

With the scores all level at 2-2 and only a few minutes to go, the tension at the pitchside was unbearable, as the committee struggled to decide whether the final would have to go to extra time, penalties, golden goal or for the trophy to be shared!

Fortunately for the committee, that decision did not have to be made as the Exiles scored a late winner and hung on under pressure to see them become this year's champions.

The committee would like to thank managers Alan Smith and Arthur Thompson for refereeing all the games; Ian James for the arrangements; Dinas Powys Ladies plus Ross and Mike for putting together an extra scratch team at the last minute; Imps Division 2 team for their usual solid support of events; Gol Centre for the use of the facilities and Peter Wakeham at Len Ashurst Trophies for the medals.

MP

Slow start in first Grand Prix

THE 2010 Petanque Grand Prix Series organised by the Welsh Petanque Association (WPA) took place at Panteg when 17 teams competed all day.

By the end of April the results will determine the team representing Wales in the World Championship in Taiwan in September, as well as the teams that will represent Wales in the Home Nations competition in August (Top 8) and at the British Inter-Region Championship in September (Top 12).

One full Triple team from Penarth Petanque Club and two mixed teams (Penarth/Caerleon-Wheatsheaf and Penarth/Cardiff-Monkstone) took part in the first round of matches and battled against the best of the Welsh teams.

The overall results for the Penarth team were encouraging with the team finishing 11th.

The Penarth team (Laurent Mirbelle, Jean-Yves Robic, David Elston, Tony Smith) started the day with two defeats 7-13 against Abergavenny and 12-13 against Brecon 2.

The third and final game of the morning session saw a reversal of fortune for the Penarth players as they inflicted a severe 13-0 win over the Caerleon-Wheatsheaf ladies team.

Unfortunately, the afternoon session started with a narrow defeat 11-13 against the Caerleon-Helmets, followed by 2-13 defeat to Caerleon 1.

The last game of the day permitted Penarth to make it two wins with a well-fought 13-12 victory over the Monkstone Marauders.

The other Penarth players involved in mixed team had a better day. Derek Jones is currently ranked second with five wins out of six and Scott Murray fifth with four wins out of six.

Pupils crowned 'top dodgers'

TEENAGERS from six Vale secondary schools have been ducking and diving their way to sporting success at a county-wide dodgeball tournament.

The action-packed competition at the Colcot Sports Centre in Barry saw boys from Barry Comprehensive School and girls from Llantwit Major Comprehensive School crowned as the Vale's top dodgers, in a tournament organised as part of the 5x60 scheme. The event was also used to mark Sport Relief, raising more than £100 for charity.

The 5x60 initiative creates a range of fun extra-curricular activities, encouraging pupils to stop dodging exercise and get active for at least 60 minutes, five days a week.

To find out more about the 5x60 scheme in the Vale of Glamorgan please contact the Vale Council's sports and play development manager Karen Davies by calling 01446 704793 or by going online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/5x60.

Testimonial golf day winners

COTTRELL Park Golf Resort recently hosted Jason Stones' testimonial golf day, which started off damp but soon cleared and remained dry for the 17 teams who took part.

The format of the day was a Texas Scramble playing the Button Gwinnett Course. The winning team consisted of Gavin and Alan Ware, David Corby and Cardiff Devils player, Scott Romfo. Mark Hegarty won the nearest the pin Competition on the 16th hole and Daryll Roberts had the longest drive on the 5th hole.

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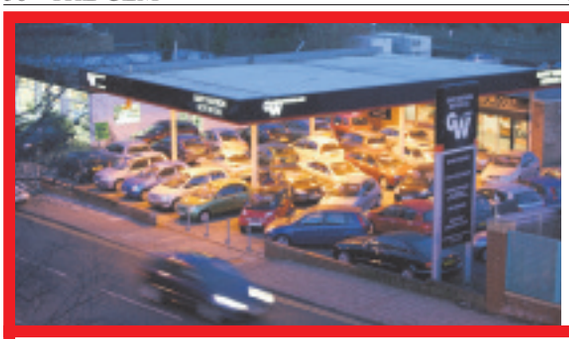

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Good away win for Barry at Cilfynydd as they remain unbeaten

BARRY returned to league action at Cilfynydd after another two-week international break, which never appears to do the players any favours.

The first scrum showed that Barry would dominate that phase, as Cilfynydd were pushed backwards, and from the resulting maul, Barry were awarded a penalty, duly kicked by Chris Cummins.

However, for some reason Barry kicked away their possession, and not always effectively. It was left to the forwards to gain 30 driving yards, forcing Cilfynydd to concede a further penalty, again kicked by Chris Cummins.

Virtually from the restart, good lineout ball from King was moved out and quick recycling saw Provis cross for the first try, again converted by Cummins.

Cilfynydd began to exert pressure and stout defending was needed. A fine steal by Hollistar put Barry back on the attack, but a knock-on was called.

This appeared to wake up the forwards, who drove 40 yards to the line, where Owen Brown linked up with Rhys Sullivan for the hooker to score the second try, again converted by Cummins.

Cilfynydd had by now taken the decision to opt for lineouts rather than scrums whenever possible, and in spells continued to put Barry under pressure, but good defence held the home side out.

Just before half-time, Hywel Jones broke from halfway, only to be called back for a foot in touch.

A further link-up between Cummins and Gwyn Jones again threatened to produce a try, but it was halted for a forward pass.

The second half began with some concentration lapses and unforced errors, and it took a smart break by George to finally get the three-quarters moving.

Quick passing gave the opportunity for Walsh to sidestep his way over for a good try. and a successful conversion.

Cilfynydd had by now somehow managed parity in the scrums and from this began to retain possession and put Barry back under pressure. This paid off when their clever centre waltzed through the non-existent Barry defence to score.

Barry were playing in fits and starts at this stage, perhaps due to 'bonus point' syndrome and it needed to calm the game down.

A good break from the back by Ryan saw him link up with Gill, and then to Glyn Jones – only for a forward pass to be called – not for the first time.

Two or three attacks broke down but finally Barry won a penalty short of the line, only to lose the lineout. Another attack involving Walsh and Wheeler came to nothing.

Barry made substitutions, bringing on Hadfield, Miers and Evans for the last 10 minutes.

The elusive fourth try and bonus point came shortly after a quick penalty, ending up short of the line for Provis to pick up and dive over in the corner. The conversion was missed to give a final score of 32-7.

This week, Barry face Deri at the Reservoir Field, (April 3) kick-off at 2.30pm.

AJ

Dinas Powys FC slump to defeat against West End

Dinas Dragons, who entertained the crowd at half-time.

Welsh League Division One
DINAS POWYS 1 WEST END 3

FOLLOWING their heavy defeat in the previous game, Dinas needed to bounce back quickly in this game against a side just below them in the league.

The opening 10 minutes of this game was fairly even, but Dinas received a confidence booster on 12 minutes when a slip in the West End defence gave Mark Dunford a clear run on goal, and his powerful shot from the edge of the area beat the diving Nicky Pritchard to give the home side the lead.

It lasted just four minutes, aa a 30-yard cross-field ball fell invitingly for Gavin Guy to volley over keeper Peter Blain from 20 yards to equalise.

Dinas had appeals for a penalty turned down when Mark Dunford went down when challenged in the box, and at the other end defender Lloyd Davies cleared a dangerous cross for a West End corner.

Alex Chrysanthea should have done better for the visitors when he headed over from eight yards and just before half-time it seemed Mark Dunford would get a second for Dinas, but he could only head onto the bar from close range.

At half-time the crowd were entertained by Dinas Dragons under-7s playing in their new kit.

Dinas supporters had seen enough in the first-half to think that Dinas could go on and win, but it was the visitors who came out strongly after the break, with Carl Smithan given the room to turn and shoot ,forcing Blain into a good save.

They continued to apply pressure and when a throw was hooked into the Dinas area, Danny Kavanagh headed powerfully over the keeper for their second goal.

Dinas were effective going forward, with Mark Dunford and Joe Hinds causing problems for the visiting defence but it was West End who got a third goal from a corner, scored by substitute Keiron Cullen with a low shot at the far post.

Dinas substitute Tony Wallis saw a shot blocked and when it came back to him, his follow-up shot seemed to hit a defender on the hand, but the referee turned down appeals for a penalty.

The remainder of the game was played out with neither side creating any clear opportunities.

Dinas' poor form, combined with the reduction in the number of teams in the Welsh Premier League, mean that their position in Welsh League Division One is now looking precarious, and there really has to be a change in fortunes to avoid relegation.

Squad: 1 Peter Blain, 2 Tom Hutton, 3 Owain Adams, 4 Lloyd Davies, 5 Anthony Roberts 6 Rhodri Foote, 7 Ricki Morgan, 8 Jacob Rudman, 9 Joe Hinds,10 Mark Dunford(1), 11 Barry Pappin, 12 Karl Steele, 14 Steve Provis, 15 Tony Wallis, 16 Paul Carro.

For news and fixtures see the club's web site: www.dinaspowysfc.co.uk

MW

Barry Town make amends with a good away victory

TAFFS WELL 1
BARRY TOWN 2

THE DRAGONS returned to Taffs Well on less than a week after the disappointing League Cup result, and there was a determination that the previous week's scoreline would not be repeated.

Christian Miles and Ian Jones replaced Sam Small (suspended) and James Simpson (unavailable), while Kirk Huggins (injury) was still unavailable for selection.

With both teams having pace up front, the game swung from end to end with few clear cut chances.

Taffs Well were relying on quick breaks, with the ball being played over the top, to turn the Barry Town defence, and from one such move Taffs Well thought they had scored – but the referee had spotted a handball by an attacking forward.

Chances fell to Ian Jones and Jaymes Dixon, but they were unable to convert them thanks to some desperate defending.

The game seemed to be heading for half time with a blank score sheet when a lovely through ball on 43 minutes found Jaymes Dixon unmarked.

His pace took him unchallenged into the box where, despite a valiant attempt by the keeper he fired the ball home to give The Dragons a deserved lead.

The second half started the same way as the first with a lot of pace. A brilliant pass from Jaymes Dixon played over the top of the static Taffs Well defence found Scott Jones running into space.

He controlled the ball well and drove into the penalty area where he placed the ball under the keeper to give The Dragons a two-goal lead.

Taffs Well threw everything at The Dragons defence, and eventually a ball to the far post found an unmarked Taffs Well forward, who fired home.

The game started to get a bit frantic and niggly and the referee intervened to stop what could have been a mass brawl.

A couple of yellow cards calmed the situation and the game resumed to its previous frantic pace.

On balance, the Dragons deserved this hard-fought victory against a youthful but skilful Taffs Well side who will only improve with experience.

Manager Gavin Chesterfield will be very pleased with the all round performance and also the fact that although not many chances were created, two of them were put away.

It was difficult to choose a man of the match from this game as it was a good all-round performance which pleased everyone.

The win lifted The Dragons in third spot, but they have played more games than the teams around them. However, the points are on the board.

Team: Dan Bradley; Atif Bashir, Dan Clare, Damon Searle, Lewis James; Scott Jones (sub. Michael Parkins), Sam Hartrey, Nickie Jones; Christian Mills (sub Rob Blatchford), Ian Jones, Jaymes Dixon.
Subs not used; Richard Johnson, Lewis Cosslett, Josh Bell.

Centurions take part in 'cricket force'

A TEAM of 25 volunteers from Sully Centurions Cricket Club turned up to help get the club prepared for the new season as they took part in the NatWest Cricket Force day on March 27 at Burnham Avenue.

NatWest Cricket Force is a national scheme designed to encourage volunteer participation in local clubs.

This is the first year that Sully Centurions have taken part.

Activities included mending and painting the sightscreens, preparing the covers and getting the junior nets ready. Marianne Sullivan kept the workforce going with her rolls and home made soup, which were greatly appreciated by all.

The club embarks on an exciting new phase in its history this year by being an inaugural member of the new South Wales Cricket Premier League, bringing together the top teams from east and west in one south Wales league.

If anyone wishes to join the club, which has four senior and four junior teams, please contact David Sylvester on 07717 864694 or contact the club on centurion-cricket@hotmail.co.uk

Flint's mad dash pays dividends

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

LAST Thursday, National Hunt trainer John Flint of Kenfig Hill teamed up with his jockey son Rhys to land an across-the-card double.

After winning the 2pm at Ludlow with *Bundle Up*, John and Rhys dashed to Chepstow, where they arrived in time to win the 4pm race with *Star Galaxy*.

The principal race at Ludlow, the Eddie Mapp Memorial Handicap Chase, was won by Evan Williams' *The Snail*, whose long running winning sequence had come to an end at Flos Las five days earlier when finishing third in a hurdle race.

The Snail was partnered by Williams' assistant James Tudor from Cowbridge.

Twenty-four hours earlier at Hereford, Williams, who trains at Llancarfan, had landed a double with Williams' *Wishes* and *Five Out of Five*.

'Open day' is planned at Rhoose Bowling Club

RHOOSE Bowling Club members are gearing up for the new season as they look forward to playing for the first time on their new green.

The official opening takes place on April 9, at 1pm, when invited guests from the WBA and the WWBA will be present to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the club.

Then on Sunday, April 11, the club is holding an 'open day' for any member of the public to try out bowls. Please come along to the club at Celtic Way, Rhoose, at 2pm where you will receive a warm welcome.

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